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FOR 1866.

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On Vegetables.—Edwin Conant, *Chairman:* Oliver K. Earle, James Green, Chas. Belcher, Marshall Flagg, of Worcester; Josiah L. Woodward, of Millbury.

☞ The Annual Autumnal Exhibition will be held on the 18th, 19th, 20th and 21st days of September, commencing at 6 o'clock, P. M., on the 18th.

PREFACE.

At the Annual Meeting of the Worcester County Horticultural Society, holden on the first Wednesday of November, A. D. 1865, on motion of Hon. Francis H. Dewey, it was unanimously voted:—That the Transactions of the Society for the year 1865, be published under the supervision of the Standing Committee on Publication: and that all matters of interest or value, hitherto inedited, from 1847, to 1851, inclusive, be comprised in said issue, thus authorized.

The duty of complying with the instructions of the Society was assigned by the Committee on Publication, to the Secretary, one of its members. The labor of executing that task has been materially facilitated by the cordial and zealous co-operation of Master Henry E. Hill, to whom acknowledgement is justly and publicly rendered. The columns of contemporary journals supplied the only record or trace of the proceedings of past years that could be discovered. All these being, in many instances, elaborate and lengthy reports, had to be transcribed to be of possible use. That they were preserved at all is another among the numerous obligations which the Society owes to Hon. John Milton Earle. The courtesy of the proprietors of the *Spy*, (in its first volume called *Transcript*,) as also of Mr. Wall, of the later *Transcript*, in according the protracted use of their files, is sensibly appreciated.

This publication completes the series of printed "Transactions" of the Society to the date of its issue. Had there been no intermission in the regular sequence, it would have been greatly to the credit and yet more to the pecuniary advantage of the Society. Experience so costly, is apt to prove of enduring benefit.

Horticultural Hall, June, 1866.

Erratum:—In the Preface to the last volume of Transactions, in the first line of the last paragraph, for "Society" read "Secretary."

REPORTS.

ANNUAL EXHIBITION, 1847.

REPORT ON FRUIT.

Samuel H. Colton, of Worcester, *Chairman;* Silas Allen, of Shrewsbury, William C. Capron, of Uxbridge.

In presenting their Report of the Eighth Autumnal Exhibition of the Worcester County Horticultural Society, the Committee on Fruits beg leave to remark, that they enter upon the duties assigned them with great reluctance, fearing that their small experience with the subject will not enable them to discharge its duties with that ability and correct judgment which have characterized the Reports on Fruit heretofore made to the Society.

It cannot but be gratifying to all who take any interest in horticultural pursuits, to witness the constant and rapidly increasing collections of valuable fruit in our midst; evincing good proof of skillful cultivation, correct taste and good judgment in selecting those varieties which are best suited to our soil and climate. No further evidence of this need be adduced, than a comparison of the exhibition which has just taken place with those of former years. With a very few exceptions, all the fruit exhibited this year was grown in this County; while heretofore our show has been in part made up by contributions from cultivators abroad. Although, owing to their scarcity, the show of apples was not quite equal to some former exhibitions, and fears of a failure in that department were entertained by some, yet, taken all together, the show of fruit this year far exceeded that of any former seasons; and probably a better collection of *all* the fruits of the season was never before exhibited in New England.

The Committee regretted that the time of holding the Exhibition was fixed for so short a period, as no doubt many persons who would be glad to attend it could not conveniently do so during the short time it was open. It is hoped that two days, at least, will hereafter be devoted to that purpose. But, although

the Exhibition was open to the public only one day and two evenings, yet nearly three thousand persons visited it,—evincing pretty conclusive evidence of the interest our community feel in the subject.

Notwithstanding the hall was constantly thronged with visitors, and many hundreds of samples of beautiful and tempting fruit within reach of every one, yet all seemed to feel and act as if it was placed there to be examined with the eye only. No instance of pilfering, and but little unnecessary handling of the fruit, was known to occur. The Committee think it speaks well for our community, and they take pleasure in making this statement,—being so widely different from the custom in some places, where the fruit has to be put beyond reach to ensure its safety from being purloined. But, fearful of prolonging our desultory remarks to an unreasonable length, we proceed to give

A LIST OF FRUITS EXHIBITED.*

Edward Earle,—Pears: Bartlett, Duchess d'Angouleme, Seckel, St. Michael, St. Ghislain, Sieulle, Bleecker's Meadow; Native Grapes of good quality and very early.

George W. Dresser,—Orange Pears.

D. S. Messinger,—Pears: Bartlett, Rushmore's Bon Chretien, and one variety unnamed; Apples: Porter, R. I. Greening, Roxbury Russett, Friar, Baldwin; Peaches: Brevoort's Morris, Red-Cheek Melocoton.

S. H. Colton, Worcester Nursery,—Pears: Beurre Diel, Bezi de la Motte, Josephine, Belle Lucrative, Seckel, Hericart, Washington, St. Ghislain, Lewis, St. Michael, Duchesse d'Angouleme, Napoleon, Beurre d'Aremberg, Henry IVth, Beurre Bosc, Flemish Beauty, Marie Louise, Andrews, Autumn Bergamotte, Passe Colmar, Beurre de Capiaumont, Buffum, Bartlett, Frederick de Wurtemberg, Bon Chretien Fondante, and one variety unnamed: Apples: Fameuse, Striped Bellflower, Baldwin, Holden Pippin, Charlowminski, Red Cheek, Fall Harvey, Sprague, Peck's Pleasant, Gravenstein, Honey Greening, Russet Pearmain, Golden Russet, Danvers Winter Sweeting, Roxbury Russet, Rhode Island Greening, Nonsuch, French Nonpareil, Pomme Royal, Hubbardston Nonsuch, Tifft Sweeting, Lyscom, Porter, Tallman Sweeting, four varieties of Crab Apples, and one variety unnamed; Plums: Victoria, Imperial Gage, Lombard, Purple Gage, Golden Drop, Brevoort's Purple, Petite Mirabelle; Peaches: Bellegrade, Snow, Red Rareripe, Red Cheeked Melocoton, Brainard's Yellow, Old Mixon Freestone, Yellow Rareripe, Crawford's Early Melocoton, Yellow Red Rareripe, Blood, Large Yellow Rareripe, Malta, George IVth, Nivette, and two unnamed varieties; Grapes: Isabella, Fitchburg, Native White; also Boston Nectarines.

Rev. J. Jennings,—Peaches: Early and Late Crawford, Cooledge's Favorite, and three varieties unnamed.

Dr. O. H. Blood,—Pears: Bartlett, Flemish Beauty; Peaches: Crawford's Early Melocoton, and three unnamed kinds.

William C. Capron, Uxbridge,—Apples: Porter, Red Sapson, Episcopal,

* The place of residence of those exhibitors who live in Worcester is omitted.

Dana, Roxbury Russet, Orange Sweeting, White Gilliflower, Nonsuch, Pumpkin Sweeting, French Nonpareil, Gloria Mundi, Peck's Pleasant, Rhode Island Greening, Capron's Pleasant, Baldwin, Tallman Sweeting, Black Gilliflower, Tifft Sweeting, Dutch Codlin, Bowback, Blue Pearmain, Vermont Sweeting, Golden Pippin, Old Pearmain, Hubbardston Nonsuch, Red Crab, and twelve varieties unnamed; Peaches: Crawford's Early, and Red Rareripe.

J. M. Earle,—Pears: Bartlett, Marie Louise, Beurre Bose, St. Michael, Andrews, Dix, Lawrence, Beurre d'Aremberg, Flemish Beauty, Louise Bonne de Jersey, Passe Colmar, Urbaniste, Buffum, Fulton, Hacon's Incomparable, Surpasse Virgouleuse, Duchesse d'Angouleme, Chaumontelle, Bleecker's Meadow, Julienne, Rushmore's Bon Chretien, Striped Long Green, Glout Morceau, Brown Beurre, Henry IVth, Vicar of Winkfield, Charles d'Autriche, Beurre d'Amalis; Plums: Reine Claude, Violette, Golden Drop, Columbia, Roe's Autumn Gage, German Prune, Imperial Gage, Blue Imperatrice, Horse Plum; Peaches: Morris White, Rareripe, Bonaparte, Snow Peach.

Dr. H. Bates,—two varieties of Apples, two of Peaches, one of Quinces, and one of Nectarines; all without names.

F. F. Collier,—Crawford's Early Peaches.

Benj. F. Thomas,—Pears: Bartlett, Duchesse d'Angouleme, Napoleon, Passe Colmar, Seckel, Easter Beurre, St. Michael, Brown Beurre, Flemish Beauty, Beurre de Capiaumont, Louise Bonne de Jersey, Washington, St. Ghislain, Bezi de Montigny, Bleecker's Meadow, Iron Pear, and one variety unnamed; Apples: Porter, Baldwin, Fall Pippin; Peaches: Yellow Red Rareripe, Snow Peach, and one unnamed variety.

Ebenezer Jewett,—Pound Pears.

Sylvanus Sears,—Bartlett and Golden Pears, and Spitzenburg Apples.

B. B. Otis,—Peaches, unnamed.

Amos Brown,—Baldwin Apples, Bartlett Pears, and one variety Peaches.

Tilley Chaffin, Holden,—Holden Pippin Apples.

Thomas Kinnicutt,—Bartlett and Louise Bonne de Jersey Pears, Late Crawford and three other varieties Peaches.

C. Harris,—Yellow Red Rareripe Peaches, and Nonsuch Apples.

John B. Pratt,—Apples: Blue Pearmain, Lyscom, Baldwin, Rhode Island Greening; Peaches: Red Cheek Melocoton, Royal George, Yellow Melocoton.

J. Shepherd, Jr.,—four varieties Peaches, unnamed.

Pliny Merrick,—Early Crawford Peaches.

Thomas Rice, Shrewsbury,—Orange Quinces.

Alpheus Merrifield,—Plums.

G. W. Richardson,—Pears: Summer Thorn, Passe Colmar, Seckel, Bartlett, and one variety unnamed; Apples: Lyscom, Golden Russett; Peaches: Nivette, and one unnamed variety.

Philo Slocomb, Shrewsbury,—Orange Quince.

H. W. Miller,—Bartlett and Seckel Pears, and White Rareripe Peaches.

Isaac S. Merriam, Auburn,—President Peaches, and two varieties unnamed; Baldwin Apples, and Quinces.

George Jaques,—Pears: Bartlett, Chelmsford, Bleecker's Meadow, Forelle, St. Michael; Apples: Hamburg, Dartmouth Sweeting, Yellow Crab, Hubbardston Nonsuch, Baldwin, Rhode Island Greening, Yellow Bellflower; Roxbury Russett; Peaches: George IVth, Red Rareripe, Grosse Mignonne, White Blossom, Cooledge's Favorite, Lemon Clingstone, and two varieties unnamed; Orange Quinces, and Blackstone Native Grapes.

Curtis Forbush,—two varieties Peaches.

Dr. B. F. Heyoood,—Wilbur, Flemish Beauty, and Sugar Pears.

Taft Foster,—Bartlett Pears, and Gloria Mundi, Rhode Island Greening, Baldwin, Nonsuch and Roxbury Russett Apples.

Joseph Knox, Grafton,—Nonsuch and Williams' Sweeting Apples; Yellow Red Rareripe Peaches, and Isabella and one other variety Grapes.

T. & G. A. Chamberlain,—Apples: Baldwin, Nonsuch, Rhode Island Greening, Roxbury Russett, Fall Pippin, Pearmain, Pound, Fall Harvey, Lyscom, Holden Pippin, Friar, Gloria Mundi, Sweet Russett, and seven other varieties; Peaches: Red Cheek Melocoton, and two other kinds; Seckel and Bartlett Pears. (The Royal, and Golden Russett Apples, and Cooledge's Favorite Peaches, in this collection, were not correct.)

Benj. H. Goodale,—Victoria Plums, very handsome.

Sarah Waldo,—Pears: Catharine, Bergamotte, Iron, Sugar Top, St. Germain; Apples: Yellow Bellflower, Rhode Island Greening, Ribstone Pippin, Hamburg, Baldwin; Quinces.

L. M. Parker, Shirley,—Foundling Apples, very good variety.

W. M. Bickford,—Pears: Bartlett, Seckel, Flemish Beauty, Easter Beurre, Brown Beurre, and one unnamed variety; three varieties of Peaches without names.

C. H. Hill,—Pears: Beurre d'Amalis, Bartlett: Peaches: Heath, Early Crawford; Red Crab Apples.

Dr. J. Sargent,—Pears: Bergamotte, Buffum, Chelmsford, Brown Beurre, Pound, Iron, Belle et Bonne, and six varieties unnamed.

Ward Cook,—Apples: Jefferson, Early Seek No Further; Early Melocoton Peaches, and one sort unnamed; Isabella Grapes.

S. M. Burnside,—Spitzenburg Apples.

D. D. Prescott, West Boylston,—Baldwin Apples, and a Seedling Peach of first quality.

James Green,—Hamburg Apples, and Peaches unnamed.

F. W. Paine,—Pears unnamed.

Isaac Southgate, Leicester,—Apples: French Greening, Bowback, Summer Queen, Salmon Pearmain; Pears: Brown Beurre, Heathcote.

Obed Williams,—Ribstone Pippin and Orange Sweeting Apples, and Peaches unnamed.

C. Holbrook, Sterling,—Apples: Sudbury Sweeting, Queen Ann, Earl; and two varieties of Peaches.

Enos Dorr,—Early Crawford Peaches.

John Davis,—Dearborn's Seedling Pears, of fine quality.

Andrew Davis,—two varieties Peaches.

C. W. Rice,—Unnamed Pears.

Rejoice Newton,—Golden Russet Apples, and Peaches unnamed.

C. P. Bancroft,—Duchess d'Angouleme and Bartlett Pears; Isabella Grapes.

George T. Rice,—Pears: Seekel, Julienne, Henry IVth, Brown Beurre, Bartlett, Easter Beurre, Passe Colmar, Flemish Beauty, Duchess d'Angouleme, Catillac, St. Ghislain, Belle Lucrative; Plums: Lombard, Blue Imperatrice; and five varieties of Peaches unnamed.

Z. E. Berry,—Cooledge's Favorite Peaches, and one variety unnamed; Porter Apples.

H. K. Newcomb,—Dix, Brown Beurre and Bartlett Pears.

E. L. Barnard,—Crawford's Early Peaches.

Thomas H. Rice,—Glout Morceau Pears.

Dr. John Green,—Pears: St. Michael, Iron, Vicar of Wakefield, Dix, Seekel, Prince's St. Germain; Hamburg Apples, and Kenrick's Heath Peaches.

J. K. L. Pickford,—Peaches: Yellow Rareripe, Melocoton, Cooledge's Favorite, Lemon Freestone; Porter Apples.

B. N. Childs,—Apples: Porter, Black Gilliflower, Roxbury Russett, and one variety unnamed; President Peaches.

R. D. Dunbar,—Early Crawford Peaches; Lyscom Apples, and one variety unnamed.

Silas Allen, Shrewsbury,—Pears: Seekel, Bartlett, Croft Castle, and two varieties unnamed; Apples: Detroit, Golden Russett, Early Seek No Further, Baldwin, Porter, Lyscom, Spice, True Pumpkin Sweeting, and five varieties unnamed; Peaches: Yellow Rareripe, Cutter's Rareripe, and one unknown variety; Orange Quinces and Native Grapes.

Pitt Holmes,—Chandler Apples, and Peaches unnamed.

Stephen Salisbury,—Pears unnamed.

John F. Pond,—Capsheaf and Winter Nelis Pears, and Crawford Peaches.

Mrs. Henry Wheeler,—Bartlett Pears, Lyscom Apples, and Jaques Peaches.

O. B. Hadwen,—Crawford's Early and Cutter's Rareripe Peaches, and Hubbardston Nonsuch Apples.

Asa H. Waters, Millbury,—Pears: Brown Beurre, Andrews, Napoleon, Bleecker's Meadow, Fulton; Apples: Fall Harvey, Baldwin, Yellow Bellflower, Rhode Island Greening, and three varieties unnamed; Hamburg and other Grapes of beautiful appearance.

Isaac Davis,—Bartlett Pears, Damson Plums, Peaches, and Native Grapes.

E. & L. Nelson, Upton,—Lemon Clingstone, Golden Rareripe, and Milford Mammoth Peaches.

Willard Rice, Sutton,—Fall Harvey, Winter Harvey, Hartford Sweeting Apples.

Levi Lincoln,—Pears: Iron, Beurre Kenrick, Napoleon, Belle Lucrative,

Seckel, St. Ghislain, Vicar of Winkfield, Bartlett, Passe Colmar, Buel, Flemish Beauty, Long Green, Wilkinson, and eight unnamed varieties; Apples: Sweet Russett, Baldwin, Gloria Mundi, and four kinds unnamed; Peaches: Yellow Rareripe, Nivette, White Blossom, and five unnamed sorts.

Dr. H. F. Johnson,—President Peaches, Plums and Nectarines unnamed.

Asa H. Allen, Shrewsbury,—Red Gage Plums, Lemon Freestone and Red Velvet Peaches.

Wm. A. Wheeler,—White Native Grapes.

Elizabeth Jackson, Leicester,—two varieties of unknown Apples with wrong names attached: Chelmsford Pears.

Jonathan Nelson,—Apples of the growth of 1846.

Joseph G. Kendall,—Bartlett Pears, Quinces and Peaches. [In the death of this gentleman, (which has occurred since the exhibition,) our Society and the community at large have sustained a loss of no ordinary magnitude. In all his business and social intercourse with his fellow citizens, he ever conducted himself in such a pleasant and gentlemanly manner as to win the sincere respect and esteem of all. No individual among us felt a deeper interest, or took more pleasure, in horticultural pursuits than he did. Much of his time and means were devoted to that object; and had he been spared a few years, he no doubt would have had an extensive collection of valuable fruit. It may, perhaps, be considered out of time and place for such remarks as these, but we felt as if we could not omit the opportunity of paying a passing tribute to the memory of so worthy a man.]

Wm. N. Green,—Pears: Flemish Beauty, Muscadine, Vicar of Winkfield, Beurre Niell, Beurre Van Marum, Easter Beurre, Hericart, St. Ghislain, Surpasse Virgouleuse, Epine d'Ete, Beurre Diel, Andrews, Dearborn's Seedling, Broca's Bergamotte, Limon, Cuvelier, Beurre Bosc, Glout Morceau, Hooper's Bilboa, Louise Bonne de Jersey, Hessel, Colmar Epine, Cumberland, Foster's St. Michael, Roi de Wurtemberg, Surpasse Marie Louise, St. Michael, and five unnamed varieties: Apples: Gravenstein, Sprague, Porter, and eight varieties unnamed.

C. E. Miles, Shrewsbury,—Lyscom, Baldwin, Rhode Island Greening and Hamburg Apples.

Rev. A. Hill,—Pears: Passans du Portugal, Chelmsford; Apples: Porter, Crab; Plums: Green Gage, Damson; White Native Grapes.

Edwin Conant,—Pears: Glout Morceau, Duchesse d'Angouleme, Brown Beurre, Napoleon, Beurre d'Aremberg, Louise Bonne de Jersey, and five kinds unnamed; four sorts of Peaches and one of Apples unnamed.

D. W. Lincoln,—Black Hamburg and Sweet Water Grapes, in very large and beautiful clusters.

P. W. Taft,—Plums, Apples: Bartlett and Louise Bonne de Jersey Pears.

Oliver Barrett, Bolton,—Pumpkin Sweeting, Seek No Further, Porter, Quince, Nonsuch, Barrett's Seedling Apples, and one variety unnamed.

Cyrus Lovell,—Seedling Apple.

Rev. Jos. Allen, Northboro,—Porter and Lyscom Apples, and one unnamed variety.

Lyman Taft, Northbridge,—Native Grapes.

O. A. Tomblen, North Brookfield,—Seedling Peaches of good quality, and one unknown variety misnamed the President.

O. C. Felton, East Brookfield,—six varieties of Seedling Peaches, some of which were of fair quality.

O. Fairbanks, West Boylston,—Seekel Pears and Native Grapes.

John McGrath—Yellow Egg Plums.

Booth Bottomly, Leicester,—Passe Colmar Pears.

H. R. Keith, Grafton,—Pears: Chelmsford, Pound, Bleecker's Meadow; and one variety each of Pears and Apples unnamed.

Dr. Johnson, Northboro,—five varieties of Seedling Peaches, some of which were good.

Dr. Porter, North Brookfield,—St. Michael, St. Ghislain, Marie Louise and Flemish Beauty Pears, and Cooledge's Favorite Peaches.

J. C. Stone, Shrewsbury,—Holland Pippins and Leland's Spice Apples, and Orange Quinces. [Leland's Spice (or Leland's Pippin, or New York Spice, as it is sometimes called,) is a very handsome apple, with light stripes on a yellow ground, medium size, of a pleasant, sprightly flavor, ripening about mid-summer, keeps two or three months, and is well worthy of extensive cultivation.]

Samuel Perry,—Sweet Russett, Red Graft, Queen Ann, Rhode Island Greening and Baldwin Apples.

Ebenezer Brewer, Northboro,—Apples: Hamburg, Red Cheek, Sampson, Ribstone Pippin, Lyscom, White Harvey, one variety unnamed, and Peaches.

Anthony Chase,—Plums: Green Gage, Goliah; Pears: Flemish Beauty, Catillac, and Colmar: Crawford Peaches.

Daniel Tainter,—two varieties of Peaches unnamed.

Harvey Belcher,—Chelmsford Pears and Lyscom Apples.

Moses Wallis,—six sorts unnamed Peaches.

Ethan Allen,—several varieties Pears and Peaches unnamed.

Elhanan Batchelder, Sutton,—Apples: Black Gilliflower, Porter, Newton Sweeting, Orange Winter Sweeting, Baldwin, Nonsuch, Rhode Island Greening, Russett Pearmain; Native Grapes.

Royal Penniman, Sutton,—Roxbury Russett Apples.

D. B. Comins,—Swaar and Baldwin Apples, and Peaches unnamed.

Jos. A. Gilbert,—Spice Apples, Bartlett Pears, and Peaches unnamed.

Jos. Sawyer, Bolton,—Mother Apples—very fine specimens of this handsome and valuable native fruit.

Luke Brummet,—Leicester,—Bartlett Pears, Hubbardston Nonsuch Apples, and Native Grapes.

Daniel Tenney, Sutton,—Apples: Pumpkin Sweeting, May, Dagget, Gilliflower, Pearmain, Roxbury Russett, Winter Harvey, Peck's Pleasant, Baldwin, Rhode Island Greening, Nonsuch; and fourteen unknown varieties of Pears unnamed.

Dr. S. C. Hartwell, Southbridge,—Seedling Peaches of good quality.

Samuel Smith,—two varieties Peaches.

Simon S. Gates,—Apples: Roxbury Russett, Rhode Island Greening, Baldwin, Lowell, Bowback, Pomeroy Pound, and two varieties unknown; Bartlett Pears; Red and Yellow Rareripe Peaches; Quinces, and Native Grapes.

Wm. G. Maynard,—Lyscom Apples.

Allen Harris,—Bartlett, and two other varieties Pears.

Dr. R. Woodward,—Pears: Bartlett, Flemish Beauty, Buffum; Apples: Baldwin, Rhode Island Greening, Russett Pearmain, White October, Fall Pippin, Pound, English Pearmain, and one sort unnamed; Isabella Grapes.

J. M. C. Armsby,—two varieties Peaches.

T. P. Curtis,—Apples: Baldwin, Porter, Lyscom, Queening, Seek-no-further, and eighteen other unnamed varieties.

John Hammond,—Bartlett and Seckel Pears.

G. H. Russell,—St. Michael Pears.

R. D. Dunbar,—Isabella Grapes.

Rev. T. C. Biscoe, Grafton,—Pears: Bartlett, Beurre d'Aremberg, Passe Colmar, Bleecker's Meadow, Glout Morceau, and one variety unnamed; Apples: Porter, Baldwin, and Lyscom; Crawford Peaches and Isabella Grapes.

Leonard Cheney, Southbridge,—Seedling Pears, excellent quality.

Charles Hale, Millbury,—Black Hamburg, Isabella, and Sweet Water Grapes.

Hiram Wing, Northbridge,—Blackstone Grapes, and late Melocoton Peaches.

Henry Johnson, Millbury,—three Apples, growth of 1846.

Haynes & Bush, Northboro.—Victoria Plums, True Pumpkin Sweeting Apples, and several varieties of good Seedling Peaches.

Charles Downing, Newburgh, N. Y.,—Osage Oranges, and St. Michael Pears.

Rev. H. S. Ramsdell, Thompson, Conn.,—Chandler Apples.

John Miller, Columbus, Ohio,—mammoth Clingstone Peaches, called Vandemark's Seedling.

F. G. Tucker, Albany,—Apples, Pears and Peaches—a fine collection of beautiful fruit.

S. W. Cole, Boston,—Quince Apples.

The above embraces a list of all the fruit exhibited, as entered upon the Society's books, but in the haste in making the entries some omissions may have occurred.

A few samples of very handsome Apples and Pears were sent for exhibition by F. G. Tucker, of Albany, C. Downing, of Newburgh, H. S. Ramsdell, of Thompson, and S. W. Cole, of Boston, to whom the Society is under obligations for their kind attention.

As no Premiums are awarded by the Society, (although it is to be hoped its funds will soon warrant it,) the Committee are happily excused from expressing much opinion upon the respective merits of the Fruit exhibited, and they have,

therefore, particularized but very few. It was no doubt apparent to all, that there seemed to be more uniformity than usual in the size and appearance of the varieties shown, and with a few exceptions, no person exhibited samples much superior to those presented by others; nearly all were fair, and of handsome appearance. But few new Seedling varieties of Fruit were offered for exhibition which are worthy of particular notice. A fine Seedling Peach, of a light, delicate color, and good flavor, raised by S. Cheney, of Southbridge, and a good and handsome yellow variety, raised by D. D. Prescott, of West Boylston, the Committee judged were of first quality, and worthy of general culture. Several kinds of Native Grapes were exhibited, but the Committee did not discover that they possessed sufficient merit to warrant their recommending them, excepting the variety called the "Fitchburg," shown by S. H. Colton, of Worcester, and the "Blackstone," by Hiram Wing, of Northbridge, both of which are good and desirable sorts.

It is much to be regretted that more attention is not paid by cultivators to ascertaining the true name of all their varieties of Fruit exhibited; and although there has been some improvement in this particular from former years, yet many fanciful and outlandish names are often retained year after year, notwithstanding the true one may have been before given.

In conclusion, the Committee cannot but express the hope that there will be no relaxation in the effort to maintain our present high reputation as a fruit-growing community. Probably, in no part of the country is the soil and climate better adapted than ours to raising in perfection all the useful and valuable varieties, and with reasonable care of our trees, we are usually rewarded with a bountiful crop of good fruit.

For the Committee,
SAMUEL H. COLTON.

REPORT ON VEGETABLES.

Wm. Sumner Barton, *Chairman;* Jonathan Pratt, and James Shepherd, Jr., all of Worcester.

Your Committee, having examined the few vegetable productions exhibited at your late Anniversary, would respectfully and briefly submit their report:

The labors of this Committee can not be said to have been very *arduous*, as the number of specimens in the vegetable department was small, and our duties proportionally few. But yet, we were not entirely idle. To be sure, there were not as many Pumpkins for us to adjudicate upon as there were Pears for the Committee on Fruits, nor as many Potatoes as there were Peaches, and yet the *responsibility* of deciding where there were so few competitors weighed deeply on the minds of this Committee. We trust, however, that we have not wronged a single vegetable by our hasty decisions.

To commence, "*in medias res*," your Committee, upon arriving at the corner

appropriated for all garden esculents, were introduced to two lots of large Black Beans,—one lot stringed, the other shelled, exhibited by their successful owner, Mr. David S. Messinger, of Worcester.

Of the number of Beets entered for exhibition, the most promising was a large sized Sugar Blood Beet—fourteen pounds in weight and twenty inches in circumference—from the garden of Mr. P. H. Perrin, of Westborough. Mr. Perrin also entered one of the common Blood Beets, and Miss S. Waldo, of Worcester, presented for exhibition one of the same kind, showing signs of superior cultivation, and not to be *beaten* in size.

There were several lots of the Orange Carrot exhibited. One veteran among the rest seemed to attract some attention,—*fourteen* of the family being united upon one parent stock, and exhibiting symptoms of a family affection rarely witnessed among carrots. The owner, Mr. O. B. Hadwen, also entered other specimens for exhibition, some of the Orange Carrot, and others of the large White family, apparently all well cultivated. A Vegetable Oyster accompanied Mr. H.'s collection of Carrots,—and if we mistake not, belongs to the same genus. In this connection, your Committee cannot but express the hope, that in future our farmers and horticulturists may more fully consider the importance of this valuable esculent as an article of food for *fattening stock*. Satisfactory experiments with this have recently been made, for which we would refer to Hon. Henry Colman's second Report on Massachusetts Agriculture; and for examples of extraordinary success in the cultivation of carrots, we have noticed the same Report, which contains some very interesting experiments made on the farms of Messrs. D. W. Lincoln, Wm. A. Wheeler, and John Hammond, of Worcester. Carrots seem to have been early cultivated in Germany, and introduced into England in the sixteenth century, whence they were brought to this country.

A solitary specimen of the Cauliflower, as a peculiar species of the Cabbage, was introduced by Mr. D. W. Lincoln, probably to remind the spectators of *that* esculent, which is said by a recent author, to have "furnished epicures of all countries with some of their greatest luxuries."

Of the large family of Cucumbers, our attention was called to its most remarkable variety, known as the *Cucumis Anguinus*, or *Snake Cucumber*,—a smooth, green looking vegetable, of a *ferocious* appearance and bitter taste, but, as your Committee are informed and believe, of a perfectly harmless disposition.

A question arose in the minds of some of the Committee, whether the term "vegetable" could with propriety be applied to our well-known Melons. Waiving all discussion, however, and trusting that the members of other Committees will not be inclined to dispute with us on the subject of *vegetable* jurisdiction, we will venture to notice and commend one large Water Melon exhibited by Mr. Alpheus Merrifield, of Worcester. We should be glad to speak of its *tasteful* quality, but cannot decide as to that matter. F. W. Paine, Esq., of Worcester, presented two fine Cantelopes for exhibition, and Mr. O. B. Hadwen two spicy Nutmeg Melons. We trust there will be a fuller representation of

these *vegetable fruits* at our future Anniversaries, and moreover, that your Committee be not always prevented from passing judgment on the *flavor*, as well as on the appearance of such rare esculents.

There were some specimens of Peppers noticed by the Committee; the best lot from the garden of Dr. H. Sargent, of Worcester, and a fine looking stalk of three, from Mr. Charles Adams.

We were pleased to find several lots of the common Potato,—known as the "poor man's bread and the rich man's luxury," wherever it is introduced. It is said that this important vegetable originated in South America; that it was first noticed and mentioned by an ancient author, Clusius; was introduced into Europe, and brought to this country in the year 1719 by some emigrants from Ireland. Mr. Joshua Coffin, in his history of Newbury, states that they were first raised in this country at the garden of Nathaniel Walker, Esq., of Andover, and were first planted in beds like onions, under the name of *pertaters*, or *patater*. In the history of Worcester, William Lincoln, Esq., informs us that they were first cultivated in Worcester by emigrants, and that when a few were given to our townsmen for trial, the poor harmless vegetables were secretly destroyed, for fear of *poisonous* designs entertained by those foreigners! As to the character of those exhibited a word may be said. The most flourishing that were entered for inspection, were the large, long Red Potato, from Gardner Paine, of Worcester; and there were also fine specimens of the Early Hill and Carter family, all from the same successful *Gardener*. Mr. T. V. Sullivan entered five "Silver Skins," the seed from which they were raised being from Penobscot County, Maine. Several of the "Early June" Potatoes were exhibited by Mr. R. Waterman. These were raised from the ball; were planted April 7th, and sent to market June 13th,—a fact to which your Committee would call the especial notice of the Society. A letter from the Officers of the Providence Horticultural Society speaks of them in high terms, and certifies to our Society that Mr. Waterman has heretofore received a premium for the same.

Of the *curcurbitae pepones*, or plain Pumpkins exhibited, there was one weighing forty-one pounds, and the finest looking of the kind, entered by Mr. James Comstock, of Blackstone; also six Pie Pumpkins, by Mr. Gardner Paine.

Several Ruta Bagas were noticed,—the best belonging to Mr. T. V. Sullivan, and several by our enterprising townsman, John F. Pond, Esq.

A veteran Squash, showing signs of its age by a visible *crooked neck*, attracted the attention of your Committee. It is the production of A. D. 1846, and was raised by that indefatigable gardener, gentleman and scholar, George Jaques, Esq., of Worcester. Two mammoth Squashes,—one of fifty-one pounds and one of sixty-eight and one-fourth pounds weight,—were entered by Wm. O. Bartlett, Esq., and deserve high commendation. There were several other fine specimens exhibited by Messrs. E. Perry, J. Southwick, B. N. Childs, and J. C. Mason.

A few fine Tomatoes were entered by Dr. Henry Sargent, and some others of a smaller kind were noticed by your Committee, resembling the red plum. No resemblance in the *flavor*, we may presume.

It would be exceedingly agreeable to your Committee to occupy a longer time in considering this delightful subject of Horticulture, and particularly as connected with your Society's late Exhibition, but we are admonished of the already too great length of this Report, and with our hopes for an increased interest in vegetable esculents, the above is respectfully submitted in behalf of the Committee.

WM. SUMNER BARTON, Chairman.

Sept. 28, 1847.

From the Transcript (since Spy) of Sept. 25, A. D. 1847. (*Edited by* J. M. Earle.)

Horticultural Exhibition.—The display at the Horticultural Hall on Thursday was all that could be expected, and, in the finer varieties of fruit, much excelled any former exhibition. The show of Apples was not as good as last year. This was owing to the fact, 1st, that Apples are neither so plenty nor good as they were last year, and the season was not advanced enough to bring the finest Winter varieties to perfection. In Peaches and Pears the show was uncommonly rich, and many new kinds were on the tables that have not heretofore been presented from this vicinity.

ANNUAL EXHIBITION, 1848.

REPORT ON FLOWERS AND DECORATIONS.

The Ninth Annual Exhibition of the Worcester County Horticultural Society was holden on the evening of the 26th of September, and the two days and evenings following, in their Hall in Waldo Block, which was beautifully and appropriately decorated by some of our ladies bright, and we can assert, with truth, that the *tout ensemble* was highly creditable to their taste and ingenuity. We made our first visit to this scene of enchantment in the evening, and truly it burst upon us like a dream of fairy land. The Hall was thronged with visitors, and

"Brightly shone the lamps on fair women and brave men,"

and shed their soft rays upon the sleeping flowers, and waked into new life the rich fruits that were spread in tempting profusion around.

Among the ornaments shone conspicuously a large Wreath of Evergreen and Dahlias, the joint production, as we were informed, of two fair workers. It adorned the central space on the southern side of the Hall, and was greatly admired. Opposite to this was a Lyre, entwined with unfading green, and gemmed with Snow Berries, that looked like pearls upon the dark wreath. All our romance was awakened by the sight of this exquisite design, and we longed to sweep the strings, to see if they would echo to the thoughts it had called into birth in our heart. There were also several Stars, of which it could not be said, "one star differeth from another in glory," for, from the whole number we could not have selected one, so equal were they in beauty. Wreaths, variously decorated, according to the skill of the delicate fingers that entwined them, graced other sections of the walls. Two on the western side of the Hall were objects of particular comment and admiration. They were of Evergreen and Ash Berries, the contrast between the colors of which was striking and happy in its effect. Wreaths of Evergreen were also entwined around the pillars, and in graceful festoons around the entire Hall. The names of Flora and Pomona, beautifully executed with Evergreen, graced opposite sides of the Hall.

It gave us great pleasure to witness the profusion of Flowers,—bespeaking, as it does, an increased interest in the culture of these, the fairest of Nature's children. The variety, of course, must be limited at this late season, but the specimens were unique of their kind, and bright in their glowing autumn colors

as the hopes of youth. There were Dahlias rearing their stately heads as if in conscious superiority; and Verbenas of every shade, from the delicate rose tint of a maiden's blush to the gorgeous purple of royalty. The Aster family was not extensively represented, but there were some very good specimens of these and other annuals. But where were the Roses? Why were they "left to blush unseen"? Not a single bud was there. Surely our ladies have not ceased to cultivate the pride of Flora's realm; yet, not a solitary Julia did we see, and the fair Queen of Bourbons withheld her smile on this occasion. Where was the ever youthful Ninon de l'Enclos, and her sweet sister, Sanguinea, that they came not to grace this flowery fete? We could not but regret the absence of our favorite flower, even where so many others gladdened our sight. The Rose is of easy culture, and well repays the trouble of raising it; and there are so many varieties now known that it seems strange not to meet with them upon an occasion like this. However, it is more "pleasing to admire" the objects presented to us than to regret the absence of others, and we turn again to the exhibition as it was.

There were several very beautiful Pot Plants, among which the large Fuschia, presented by Mrs. J. Gray, was very conspicuous. The thrifty appearance of the plant, as well as the grace of the blossoms, entitling it to admiration. We also observed a very fine Oleander, the property of Mrs. Patch, to whom the Committee on Premiums recommend a gratuity of $1.00.

The Cut Flowers presented by Mrs. G. W. Richardson were not only beautiful in themselves, but arranged with such skill and taste as to enhance their native loveliness. We had no idea until now of the *art* of placing flowers in such a manner as to display them to their best advantage; the mingling and contrasting of colors, the proper distribution of foliage to relieve the effect of too much brilliancy in some cases, and brighten it in others, requires the correct eye of a painter with the delicate perception of woman. We are happy to learn that the first premium for Cut Flowers was awarded to Mrs. R. The second premium for Cut Flowers was awarded to Thomas McComack, gardener to Wm. T. Merrifield.

The best collection of Dahlias was presented by Mr. Leonard Cheney, of Southbridge, who received a premium of $2.00. The Society were also indebted to Mr. Cheney for a stand of flowers in a pyramidal form, some of the specimens of which were of exquisite beauty. The second premium on Dahlias was awarded to the "College of the Holy Cross." We pretend not to the knowledge that decides upon the merit of a flower from the particular curl of a petal, or the shadow of a tint, but to our uninitiated eye there were some very fine specimens in this collection. Beautiful collections of Dahlias were also presented by Wm. C. Capron, Dr. Workman and others. The Bouquet presented by James McGarrish, gardener to Charles Thurber, Esq., was a specimen of patience and considerable ingenuity. It was composed principally of Dahlias, with some small, delicate blossoms to fill up the interstices, and the graceful

Madeira Vine hung its tiny white wreaths like a veil over the whole. A gratuity of $1.00 was awarded to Mr. McG.

The Bouquets and dishes of Flowers by Miss Bannister, Miss Earle, Mrs. Green, and the Misses Hudson, received their meed of praise.

Two stands of Flowers were presented by S. Salisbury, Esq. They attracted our attention by a few specimens of Asters, which we think were the finest we have seen this season.

A Bouquet from Miss Mary S. Foster contained some gems, among which we discovered exquisite specimens of Drummond's Phlox and Verbenas, with the ever lovely Mignonette. There were also Bouquets from Miss Craig, of Leicester, Miss Lucy Fish, Miss M. S. Foster, N. Paine, Mrs. G. Paine, Mrs. Geo. Gill, Mr. O. Fairbanks, of West Boylston, E. Nye, of North Brookfield, Mrs. S. Southgate, of Leicester, Misses M. and P. Packard, and J. H. Boswell.

Mr. Merrifield contributed liberally of Pot Plants and Cut Flowers. We noticed among his collection a fine Salvia, several Fuschias and Amaranths, and, what was to us an object of considerable curiosity, a fine specimen of Egg Plant.

The Fringed Gentians presented by Miss Lucy Chase and Mr. Harvey Tainter, of Leicester, were very beautiful. They recalled to our minds the lines of our American poet, commencing:

"Thou blossom, bright with autumn dew."

Mrs. G. T. Rice presented two vases of Flowers, and a basket filled almost entirely with Verbenas, fine of their kind, being mostly of rich dark colors.

Mr. Jas. Shepherd, Jr., contributed a fine Dwarf Orange.

Some mammoth Sunflowers were the offering of Mr. Joseph Sargent, of Leicester. We thought of Moore's exquisite lines, "as the sunflower turns to his God," etc., and smiled at the idea of poetry and sentiment in connection with those vastly ugly things.

Mr. Wm. C. Capron, of Uxbridge, contributed a Boquet and a stand of mixed Flowers, some very beautiful.

A little basket of choice Flowers attracted our attention by the taste with which they were arranged, but, as the contributor's name was not affixed, we are unable to say to whom the praise belongs. We must, however, beg leave to assure the lady that she has no cause to blush for her offering.

We think that, upon the whole, the Exhibition this year was as fine as any that have preceded it; and we trust that the Society will feel encouraged to continue their exertions in a cause so satisfactory to themselves and so beneficial to their fellow beings. The subject of Flowers is one in which almost every person is interested. There are but few who do not admire these beautiful gifts of God, that bear upon every opening petal the traces of His love, and spring up and blossom, and give forth their sweets, as if in praise to their Maker. We are glad to see a taste for cultivating Flowers rapidly spreading in America. We think the surest way to improve the morals of a people is to

teach them to cultivate the productions of Nature, and we hope the time will come when every wayside cottage will have its flower border and its rose trees.

Respectfully submitted, for the Committee.

Oct. 7, 1848.

[No signature, nor any clew to the authorship of this Report.—Sec.]

REPORT ON FRUITS AND VEGETABLES.

In presenting this Report to the public we feel that we ought to apologize for its many deficiencies. Having been busily engaged as a member of the Committee of Arrangements during the entire week of the Exhibition, and reluctantly consenting to prepare the Report only when it was found that no other person could be prevailed upon to undertake the task, it is not so much a matter of regret that our opportunities for examining the Fruits were quite limited, as that we possess yet more limited abilities to improve better opportunities had they been afforded. Nevertheless, we can mingle a drop of consolation with this apology, by promising that for no consideration whatever will we allow ourselves to be drawn into the commission of the like manner of sin again.

Of the Exhibition in general, we do not hesitate to say that it was eminently successful. The chaste and beautiful decorations of the Hall, the unexpected richness of the Floral display, the immense quantities, consisting of more than a thousand plates and baskets, of fine Fruits arranged upon the tables, were the admiration and wonder of all who witnessed them. Competent judges among the numerous strangers who were present, expressed their opinions very decidedly, that the varieties of valuable Apples exhibited surpassed in number and beauty any show of the kind ever before seen in the United States. The Pears also were in some varieties very fine, and all of them better than an unpropitious season had led us to anticipate. Beautiful Peaches also were there, and Plums and Grapes, which a long drought had been unable to shrivel, and myriads of ravaging insects had not found time to destroy. And it was exceedingly gratifying to perceive in the improvements which our citizens are making in horticultural knowledge, an evidence that the instruction afforded by these Exhibitions has not been lost. The new and better Fruits were more numerously exhibited, fewer erroneous names were applied to those which have been long cultivated, and the silly use of local and fancy names was less frequent than formerly.

The show of Vegetables was also unusually fine. Cabbages, mighty ones of the earth, presented themselves before the Committee. Monstrous Beets stretched their unwieldy forms upon the tables, baffled like Columbus in their attempted shorter passage to India. Carrots, that had been growing with all their might in a vain effort to beat the Beets, reposed among Sunflowers broad

as "The road that leads to ——" a place mentioned by Dr. Watts. And there were Squashes and Pumpkins which had travelled many a weary rood on purpose to remind Gov. Briggs that at least one more Thanksgiving Proclamation must be written at any rate; while above the spectator's heads Capt. Allen's Canada Corn was summarily hung, for no other offense than an ostentatious display of long ears. Heaven save the stump orators of this political campaign who deserve to make a similar expiation.

With so few exceptions that they might have been removed from the Hall without being missed, all the splendid display was the product of this City and the towns in the immediate neighborhood,—glorious trophies which the FREE hand of enlightened industry had won from the rocks and the sands of New England, as if to shame more fertile States where every motion of labor is impeded by the chains that enslave it. And more and above, and different from all this, it should be the honest pride and boast of our citizens, that all this tempting display of Fruits and Flowers, spread out day after day within the easiest reach of more than three thousand spectators, was safely protected from injury, not by glass cases nor iron railings, or a constable's wand, but by the simple "*Visitors are requested not to touch*," inscribed upon a card.

But we must hasten to the details of the Exhibition: the following are the names of the contributors, their places of residence, when not of this City and the articles exhibited by them.

Owing to the immense quantities of Fruits exhibited, it has been deemed advisable to mention only the number of varieties of each sort offered by each contributor. The few deviations from this rule which may be noticed, were made from no other motive than a desire to enhance the value of the Report. Those who may feel aggrieved by this summary procedure will, we hope, become resigned to it by reflecting that probably far more people saw their friends at the Exhibition than would ever read the names of them if written.

In awarding the Premiums it will be perceived, that the Committee did not give more than one to the same individual. It was their object, this year, to distribute them as much as possible. This will explain what might otherwise be regarded as a very incorrect decision. The first articles laid upon the Society's tables were four plates of beautiful Porter Apples, two of magnificent Bartlett Pears, and a basket of Grapes, from Mrs. Amos Brown. Mrs B. will please accept the Society's thanks, for this most satisfactory evidence that the ladies are always foremost in a good cause.

JOHN CLEVELAND, W. Boylston—Apples: three plates of an unknown variety; 3d do. named.

B. N. CHILD,—Apples: seventeen varieties; Pears: one plate.

ELIAS FORBES, Millbury,—Apples: three varieties; Peaches: six plates of Clingstone varieties.

GEORGE JAQUES,—Apples: twenty-three varieties; Pears: seven varieties; Peaches: eight varieties; Grapes: Isabella; Quinces: Orange. This fruit was not put in competition for the Premiums.

LUTHER NOYES, Oakham,—Apples: three varieties.

B. D. Prescott, W. Boylston,—Peaches: one seedling variety of first quality.

Thomas Bond, Boylston,—Apples: fifteen varieties by name, and two unknown.

Anson Braman,—Pears: two varieties.

Charles H. Hill,—Apples: Enstis, and one variety unknown; Peaches which took the Society's Premium of $2.00, as the second best collection of the fruit.

Thomas Chamberlain,—Gen. C. exhibited Apples of thirty-four varieties, among them the Hogpen (the proper name of that beautiful Cooking apple is Holden Pippen), Balk and Friar are both synonimous with Pound Apples.

James Lawrence Estey, — Apples: Greening and Porter. The latter received a Premium of $1.50 as the 2d best plate of not less than four apples.

Sylvanus Sears,—Apples: of an unknown variety.

Gardner Paine,—Apples: one plate of a beautiful variety grown upon a dwarf tree. These little trees are extremely ornamental while in fruit. Pears: Louise Bonne de Jersey and five other varieties. One of Mr. P's. L. B. de Jersey took the Society's Premium of $1, as the 2d best single Pear in the Hall. The Society is much indebted to this gentleman for his valuable personal services, not only at this, but also at nearly all the previous Exhibitions which have been held.

Samuel Billings,—Apples: Lyscom; Grapes: Isabella.

John E. Chaffin, Holden,—Apples: five varieties. Mr. C. will please consider himself admonished not to apply the name of "Hogpen" to his Holden Pippins again.

Jonas L. Rice, Charlton,—Apples: four varieties.

Rev. John Nelson, Leicester,—Apples: Baldwin.

Rejoice Newton, Apples: Foundling, and four other kinds; Quinces and Peaches.

Eli D. Fairbanks, — Apples: four varieties; Grapes: one basket of Native.

Jonas Hastings, Millbury,—Cranberries very fine; also, a box of the plants in a growing state loaded with fruit.

B. F. Keyes, W. Boylston,—Apples: Nonsuch. This capital old variety is considered by many good judges to be the finest flavored of all winter apples cultivated in New England; two nameless and nine other varieties.

David S. Messinger,—Apples: six varieties; Pears: Beurre Diel; Peaches: Brevoort's Morris. (This is one of the highest flavored and most delicious of all Peaches.) Late Admirable.

Jonas Hartshorn,—Apples: two varieties.

Isaac Mills,—Apples: Roxbury Russet; Peaches: a Seedling.

Geo. W. Richardson, — Apples: four varieties; Pears: six varieties; Peaches: Crawford's Late and Nameless, among the former of which was found *the* Peach which received the Premium of $1, as the best single specimen of that fruit in the Exhibition.

Rufus Hastings, Sterling,—Apples: four plates of Harrison Sweetings, (believed to be the Lyscom,) one plate of Winter Sweetings, these latter are commonly known by the name of "Pound Sweetings."

Sewell Sargent, Leicester,—Apples: three named and one unknown variety.

Rev. Elam Smalley,—Apples: four varieties.

John Jones,—Apples: three varieties; Quinces.

A. D. Foster,—Pears: eleven varieties; Quinces: Orange.

Baxter Barnes, W. Brookfield,—Apples: Judge; Pears: four varieties.

John Pratt,—Apples: five varieties; Peaches: Crawford's Late.

Rev. Alonzo Hill,—Apples: six varieties; Pears: three varieties; Peaches; Quinces.

Dr. H. G. Bates,—Apples: three varieties; Peaches: Melocoton: Plums: Diamond; Grapes: Isabella; and Native Quinces.

Benj. F. Thomas,—Pears:, sixteen varieties; these were among the finest collections in the show; Peaches: Plums: Queen Norther, (a fine variety for the season; Quinces.

Samuel M. Burnside,—Apples: Blue Pearmain, Black or Detroit. The latter is one of the varieties which the French Introduced into Michigan in the old Colonial times.

Charles P. Chapin,—Apples: Sweet Russet.

S. A. Howland,—Peaches: one Seedling variety which received the Society's Premium of $2, as the best seedling peach. The Committee named it Howland Peach. Grapes: Isabella.

Miss Sarah Waldo, — Apples: five varieties; Pears: four varieties; Plums: Orleans; Grapes: Sweet Water.

R. D. Dunbar,—Pears: three varieties; Grapes: Isabella.

Horatio Gates,—Pears: Seekel; Peaches: Blood Cling (?) and Crawford's Late.

Jonathan Read, Shrewsbury,—Apples: two varieties.

Miss Frances Wheeler,—Apples: Blue Pearmain.

George Williams, Northboro',—Apples: Hamburg.

Silas Allen, Shrewsbury,—Apples: Rockport Sweeting. (This apple keeps as well as the Roxbury Russet; it is of good size and most excellent eating qualities. We consider it a very valuable acquisition.) Also, fifteen other varieties of the apple, among the names of which, we notice "Gentleman's Blush." Capt. Allen may rest assured that this name is unquestionably apochryphal. Pears: three varieties; Peaches: six varieties; (among them the Red Cheek Melocoton which took the $2 Premium as the best plate of Peaches.) Also, Orange Quinces, (big ones,—surely Shrewsbury is the banner town of Quinces.)

Stephen Salisbury, — Apples: seven varieties; Pears: ten varieties; Quinces: Portugal.

P. Holman, Leicester, Apples: four varieties.

Lewis Chapin,—Apples: two varieties.

Solomon Parsons,—Apples: thirteen varieties.

Mrs. E. Salisbury,—Apples: Pomme d'Apis, (or Lady's Apple); Pears: Brown Beurre.

Tilly Chaffin, Holden,—Apples: three varieties.

George A. Trumbull,—Peaches: Seedling Pitt Holmes; Apples: twelve varieties: Pears; Peaches: two seedling varieties.

Capt. Isaac Southgate, Leicester,—Apples and Pears; two varieties of each.

Peter Fay, Southboro',—Apples: thirty-four varieties. Mr. Fay's collection was a very excellent one and received the premium of $2, as the second best collection of that fruit.

Obadiah B. Hadwen—Apples: seven varieties, among them a plate of Hubbardston Nonsuch, containing *the best* single apple in the Exhibition. The Society must therefore pay him a premium of $1.

Elhanan Batchelder, Sutton,—Apples: five varieties. *Note.*—Hubbardston Nonsuch is the true name for Sutton Beauty.

A. H. Hawes, — Apples: four varieties, (Seedlings;) Peaches; Isabella Grapes and Melons.

Jonas H. Allen, Shrewsbury, — Apples: six sorts; Peaches: Golden Melocoton; (is there any such?) Cotton; (this is a very first-rate kind) and nine other varieties. This collection took the premium of $3, as the best collection of Peaches.

Leonard Craig, Leicester,—Apples: six varieties.

Horatio Houghton, W. Boylston,—Apples.

George W. Dinsmore, W. Boylston,—Peaches.

Charles Nash,—Apples: Mother, a very fine autumn fruit; Porter, Baldwin and Greening.

Dr. Benj. F. Heywood,—Apples: Hamburg; Pears: eight varieties; Grapes: Isabella.

John B. Crawford, Northboro'—Apples: Lyscom; (among which was the one that received the premium of $1, as the second best single apple exhibited.) Mr. C. has also eight other varieties of apples.

Dr. O. H. Blood;—Apples and Pears, two plates of each; Peaches: Catherine, Clingstone and Nameless.

J. S. Clark,—Pears and Grapes.

C. H. Whiting,—A jar of Tomato Figs. This article had been prepared over a year; and when the Committee saw that it was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a thing to be desired to make one wise (in the knowledge of such matters,) they took of the fruit thereof and did eat, Mr. W. consenting thereto. And their eyes were opened, so that after carefully reclosing the jar, they unanimously voted that there was no bad taste about its contents.

Henry Eames.—Apples: five varieties; Honey, two boxes, the beautiful product of a well organized and thrifty little community, who sent these specimens of their handiwork on purpose to prove to us, that they are first among

mechanics for ingenuity and skill, as they have ever been acknowledged to be the first among horticulturists in their passionate taste for flowers. And we may well thank them for their other teachings,—that honest industry is the surest path to prosperity,—that idleness is criminal, and that the sunny hours of life are the time in which to prepare for the certain approach of old age and the unknown future beyond

J. C. Mason,—Pears: three plates, Isabella Grapes.

E. & L. Nelson, Upton,—Apples and Clingstone Peaches.

S. Smith,—Seedling Peaches.

C. W. Forbush, Grafton,—Apples: fourteen varieties; Pears: Marie Louise (fine) and two others.

Samuel Wood, Grafton,—Nameless Pears.

Charles Hadwen,—Apples: Leland's Pippin; (sometimes called N. Y. Spice. This is one of the handsomest apples we ever saw; color, on the shady side, a greenish yellow ground mottled with crimson stripes; on the sunny side, becoming a dark crimson. Size and form not very different from the Baldwin. The flavor is also most excellent, and a tree of this variety deserves a place in the smallest collection. It is in eating from the first of October to winter.) Mr. H. also exhibited four other varieties of apples, Pears: Nameless; Peaches: Seedlings.

Luke Brummet, Leicester,—Six varieties of Apples.

Joseph Sargent, Leicester,—Pears of an old variety with the fancy name of Gen. Zack Taylor. This way of naming fruit is of no benefit to any one, and always troublesome to the Committee, who make the report.

Hon. Isaac Davis,—Apples: Baldwin and Double Flowering; three plates Pears; Quinces: Orange and Pearshaped. *Note.*—Some distinguished cultivators are beginning to question whether the Orange and Pear Quince are not after all one and the same thing. Nectarines: Yucatan Chestnuts.

Dr. Chandler of the S. L. Hospital,—Apples in such a condition that no medical skill could improve them.

J. K. L. Pickford,—Apples: two plates.

Charles Paine,—three Nameless varieties of Pears; Peaches: Heath; Portugal Quince.

Wm. T. Merrifield,—Quinces.

Charles Thurber,—Bartlett Pears.

Daniel P. Tenney, Sutton,—Apples of seventeen varieties.

Calvin Barker, Millbury,—Clingstone Peaches.

Charles Hale, Millbury,—A splendid silver basket of Sweet Water Grapes, also, Black Hamburg Grapes, cultivated under glass.

Anthony Chase,—Four plates of Pears; Quinces.

David P. Harrington, Millbury,—Apples: seven varieties; Peaches: Seedling.

Booth Bottomly, Leicester,—Apples: Bellflowers and Seedling; Pears: six varieties; Grapes: Isabella.

John Hammond,—Six plates Apples; Seckel Pears.

W. M. Miles,—Apples: four varieties.

Rev. T. C. Biscoe, Grafton,—Apples: eight kinds; Pears: seven kinds; Peaches: Yellow Melocoton; Plums: Blue Imperatrice; Grapes: Isabella; Quinces. Mr. B. violated the rule of the Society—doubtless unintentionally—by removing his fruits from the tables previous to the close of the Exhibition, and without the knowledge of the Committee of Arrangements.

Ansel Lakin,—A fine basket of fruit, consisting of Pears: three varieties; Peaches: three varieties; Lombard Plums; Native Grapes Mr. L. assures us that there was not a tree upon his place five years ago. His fine collection, therefore, was worthy of notice by all those who feel too old to cultivate fruit.

Asa H. Allen, Shrewsbury,—Apples: five sorts; Peaches: Seedlings and Nameless.

Elizabeth Jackson, Leicester,—Apples: seven varieties; Pears: Chelmsford.

John F. Pond,—Apples: two plates; Pears: Winter Nelis, and three other plates; Peaches: Melocoton, and Nameless; Isabella Grapes.

W. F. Pond,—Two plates Apples.

Wm. A. Wheeler,—Apples: Hamburg; Pears: Nameless, and Vicar of Winkfield. This latter grows equally well as a standard or a dwarf. Col. Wilder, President of the Massachusetts Horticultural Society, says that, all circumstances taken into account, a tree of this is worth more than one of any other variety, to a person who should be limited to a single tree.

Thomas H. Tucker, N. Brookfield,—Apples.

William Barnes, Berlin,—ten varieties of Apples.

E. B. Rice,—Pears: Bartlett and St. Ghislain, (a first-rate fruit); Peaches: three plates.

Harvey Tainter, Leicester,—four plates Apples.

H. M. Burns, Leicester, four plates Apples.

Caleb Nourse Bolton,—Apples.

John Gates,—Pears: four kinds, among them a splendid dish of Blanc or St. Michael's, grown on Quince.

A. P. Megrath, Greenfield,—Pears: Buffum. (?)

Wm. N. Green,—Apples: eight varieties; Pears: nineteen of the best varieties, including Van Mon's Leon le Clerc.

Rufus Barton, Millbury,—Apples.

John Milton Earle, (President of the Society,)—Pears: twenty-nine varieties, constituting the largest and best collection in the Hall. But as Mr. Earle's fruit was withdrawn from competition for the Premiums, the first premium was awarded to the next best collection not so withheld. Plums: six varieties; Peaches: eight varieties; Grapes: Diana and a Seedling from the Isabella.

Nathaniel C. Moore,—Apples: twenty-three varieties.

Dr. Wm. Workman,—Apples: two plates; Pears: one plate, St. Michael's, magnificent specimens. They were grown upon Quince roots, under which

mode of culture the old saint still retains his ancient reputation. Of all the saints among pears this one deserves the first place even among the smallest collection of dwarf trees. Dr. W. took home the pears from the tables and also, the Society's Premium of $1.50 from the Committee, his being the second best dish of not less than four pears.

Dr. John Green,—Pears: Vicar of Winkfield, Columbia, and Dix The latter received the first Premium of $2, as the best dish of not less than six pears. Dr. G. also exhibited Pomegranates from South Carolina.

Newell Moore, Holden,—three plates Apples.

Nathaniel Stowell—five plates Apples.

Philo Slocum, Shrewsbury,—Quinces: less than twenty inches in circumference.

Oliver Barrit, Bolton,—ten varieties of Apples.

Oliver Barrit, Jr., Bolton, three varieties of Apples.

W. R. Hooper,—Apples and Quinces.

Hovey and Company, Cambridge,—Pears: specimens of twenty-five varieties, some of them quite new, for which they will please accept the thanks of the Society.

Thomas Bond, N. Brookfield, eleven varieties of Apples.

E. Kilburn, Sterling, four kinds of Apples.

John Clapp, Leicester,—Apples: three sorts; a genuine plate of beautiful Seckels and two other varieties.

Wm. Hovey,—Apples: Porter; Pears: Beurre Diel; Grapes; Isabella.

Dr. Joshua Porter, N. Brookfield,—Apples: Monson Sweeting; Pears: six varieties, which were of such valuable kinds and so fine specimens, that the Committee after much comparison with other collections, concluded to award the premium of $2, to this as the second best collection.

Thomas Rice, Shrewsbury,—Quinces.

H. B. Conway, Apples and Seedling Peaches.

Daniel Tainter,—Peaches: Melocoton, Clingstone and a Seedling.

John Corbett,—Apples.

Horatio Slocum, Sutton,—Apples: Roxbury Russett, (growth of 1847,) N. Y. Fall Pippin, (fine, large fruit,) Black Gilliflower, (fine,) and six other varieties.

Josiah G. Stone, Shrewsbury,—three plates of Apples.

Job C. Stone, Shrewsbury—Apples: three varieties, including the Leland's Spice, (see above, Samuel Wood's contribution.) This took the Society's Premium of $2, as the best plate of not less than six apples. Quinces.

Phinehas Wood, Uxbridge,—Apples: Peck's Pleasant, (this apple is erroneously called Pippin in Uxbridge and some other places,) Black Gilliflower.

Ezra Batcheller, N. Brookfield,—six varieties of Pears.

C. J. Pickford,—A specimen of the Cotton Plant in a growing state.

Edward Earle,—three plates of Apples. Mr. E. stands corrected for applying the *political* fancy name of Free Soil to one of his apples. Pears: fourteen varieties. These fine specimens took the premium of $3, as the best collec-

tion of Pears in the Exhibition, it being particularly understood that some contributions of this fruit were not entered for Premiums. Peaches: Red Cheek Melocoton; Grapes: French Sweet Water and Early Native.

John Davis,—Apples and Plums.

Joel Knapp, Sutton,—Apples: sixteen kinds. *Note.*—The true name of Sutton Beauty is Hubbardston Nonsuch. Mr. K. speaks very highly of the Rock River Winter Sweeting in his collection. We believe it to be the same apple as the Rockport Sweeting exhibited by Capt. S. Allen of Shrewsbury. Mr. K. had also a very beautiful and fine Seedling, which he called the grape apple.

Capt. S. Perry,—Apples.

Leonard Chenery, Southbridge,—Apples: Peaches: a fine Seedling to be called the Cherry Peach. Mr. C. receives a gratuity of $1, for this fruit.

Ellis Burt, East Douglas,—American Bass Matting for nursery purposes. We understand that some nurserymen use this in preference to the imported article. Not being fully competent to decide whether Matting belongs with the fruits or the vegetables, we have concluded to refer the matter over to the Committees of next year.

Lyman Pierce, West Boylston,—Apples.

Geo. T. Rice,—nine plates of Peaches; one plate of Blue Imperatrice Plums; one plate of Blood Clingstone Peaches.

D. W. Lincoln,—nineteen fine varieties of Pears.

Levi Clapp,—Peaches, one plate.

Wm. C. Capron, Uxbridge,—Apples: twenty-nine varieties, so valuable and so excellen: in their kinds that the Committee—not however without some hesitation—concluded to award the premium of $3 to this as the best collection of apples. Pears: two plates nameless; Peaches: three plates.

Wilder Bush, Northboro,—Peaches: Malta, and Crawford's Early.

Samuel A. Walker, Roxbury.—This gentleman, the Recording Secretary of the Mass. Horticultural Society, exhibited and generously gave to the Committee fifty-one varieties of Pears. Their names may be seen in the Society's Record. Mr. W. will please to accept the thanks of the Committee and of the Society also, for this valuable contribution.

Charles Johnson, Northboro',—one plate Pears; Isabella Grapes, which took the premium of $1, as the best grapes of open culture.

Samuel Sawyer, Millbury,—Apples.

Hiram Wing, Northbridge,—Pears: Iron; Grapes: Isabella and Blackstone. This latter and the Fitchburg, are the best two known native grapes that have originated in Worcester County.

William Bowdoin, New Braintree,—Apples and Buffom Pears.

D. D. Prescott, West Boylston,—Quinces.

O. H. Tomblen, North Brookfield,—Apples.

Daniel Winsor, Johnston, R. I.,—Apples: beautiful R. I. Greenings, and seven other varieties.

Samuel H. Colton, (of the Worcester Nursery)—Apples: forty-three varie-

ties, (altogether the largest collection in the Hall.) Pears: 27 varieties; Peaches: fifteen varieties; Plums: seven varieties; Nectarines: Boston (a beautiful fruit); Grapes: Isabella and Fitchburg, the latter is smaller than the Blackstone, (see H. Wing, above), but its pulp is less foxy and rather better flavored. Mr. C's fruit was withdrawn from competition for the premiums.

Hon. Levi Lincoln,—A fine collection of fruit, of which, by some oversight, no entry was made on the records. Among the pears, was a Flemish Beauty, which received the premium of $1.50, as the best single specimen of pears.

The entries of the Vegetable Department were:—

Anson Braman,—Tomatoes of a size such as no mortal man ever saw before.

Rev. John Nelson, Leicester,—Fine Blood Beets.

George T. Corey,—Radishes; white and black Spanish.

Solomon Parsons,—Artichokes, Snake Cucumber, Beans, &c.

P. Holmes,—Squash of last year's growth.

Edwin Draper,—Also a Squash of last year's growth.

Silas Allen, Shrewsbury,—Varieties of Corn and Beans.

W. B. Whiting, Sutton,—Blood Beets.

O. B. Hadwen,—Carrots: orange and white, (fine specimens); Cabbages.

John Angier,—Celery and Onions.

Joseph Sargent, Leicester,—Sunflowers; such as we read of, as to size.

W. T. Merrifield,—Beets, Carrots, Parsnips, Melons, &c., &c.

W. F. Pond,—one Squash.

J. H. Brooks,—one Pumpkin.

Gardiner Paine,—Potatoes: Long Red, Ladies' Fingers, (fine specimens), and Early Hill. This latter is a very valuable early variety.

George Gamble, Millbury,—This little boy but twelve years of age, exhibited fine Carrots, Melons, Beets, and Squashes raised by himself. The Committee awarded him a gratuity of fifty cents and hope to hear from him again next year.

Wm. Elliot,—Greenfield, Tuscarora Corn.

Charles Thurber,—That curious Melon, commonly known as the Snake Cucumber, also, Beets and Turnips.

Benj. H. Franklin,—Tomatoes, and other Pickles; Jelly and Vegetables.

Nathaniel Stowell,—Blood Beets.

Tilley Chaffin,—one Watermelon.

Gilbert Albee,—Peppers.

Wm. O. Bartlett,—Turnips, and some fine Melons, which received the premium of $1, as the best exhibited.

S. Parmenter, Westboro',—(Natural) Corn.

College of the Holy Cross,—Cabbages: (very large,) Beets, Tomatoes, &c., &c.

Visitors who examined the Vegetable department particularly, must have noticed that the specimens on the tables were mostly of the largest size. This

is not exactly as it should be,—the largest vegetables are by no means the best. Fair, beautiful specimens of medium, or just above medium size, are what we hope to see also, in addition to those of monstrous growth.

We are sorry to notice so few pure varieties of squashes and melons at our Exhibitions and in the market. These vegetables have such strong amalgamating propensities, that in order to retain a particular kind from deteriorating, it is absolutely necessary to cultivate it at a very considerable distance from other kinds of the same family.

We have got through with the list but the end is not yet. A word more ought to be said. Those who have read the former Reports of the Fruit department of the exhibitors, probably have little idea of the amount of time and labor that it cost the writers to prepare them. And even this present Report, now spreading over the twenty-ninth page of letter paper, is not the work of an hour or day.

Our obligations are due to Messrs. John Milton Earle, Samuel H. Colton, and William C. Capron, for the assistance which they kindly rendered us in collecting the materials for this long account of the leading department of the Exhibition. To the two classes of active members in the Society—those who do the work, and those who complain of it when done,—and to the public generally, we respectfully submit the Report.

GEORGE JAQUES.

ANNUAL EXHIBITION, 1849.

REPORT ON FLOWERS.

Samuel F. Haven, *Chairman;* Mrs. M. D. Phillips, Mrs. P. S. Canfield, Mrs. G. W. Richardson.

The floral display at this exhibition, manifested a well sustained interest in that department of horticulture which appeals to the finer senses, and promotes the growth of domestic tastes of a purifying and elevating character. The decorations of the room, marked by a simplicity most pleasing to a cultivated perception of the beautitul, were exceedingly appropriate. They were as they should be, subsidiary to the real purposes of the exhibition, and not designed to attract to themselves the attention more properly due to the articles contributed for observation and comparison. To Dr. Samuel Flagg, for whose services in a similar way the Society has often before been indebted, belongs the credit of the skill and judgment shown in their arrangement. The stands, bouquets, and vases of cut flowers, and the pots of parlor plants, were numerous and well selected; the dishes, in which smaller flowers are displayed to most advantage, exhibited variety and taste in their combinations; and the whole collection must have afforded gratification to the scientific cultivator as well as to the more superficial and less enlightened observer.

It would be desirable, on some accounts, if in awarding premiums, the criterion of merit could be somewhat modified. With absolute superiority for the only standard it is evident that the advantages of competition are not equally shared. Those who possess large gardens, which have been long and highly cultivated, whether for ornament or profit, must be expected to furnish the finest varieties and the choicest specimens of their kind. So, too, it would be strange, if those who from abundant materials have been in the daily habit of arranging and combining shades and trees, with a view to their best effect in vases or bouquets, should not manifest the results of practice and experience, apart from any natural difference in judgment or taste. The art of disposing colors and forms, either in the way of harmony or contrast, so as to produce the most agreeable impression, requires the labor of study and experiment not less than the analagous arts of music and painting,—indeed, it is one of the most difficult and last acquired departments of the latter. Thus the contributions at our Exhibitions which are made from more limited resources, and by comparatively new cultivators, are liable to be thrown too much in the back

ground, by the advantages which more favorable circumstances have given to their competitors. Yet these first efforts in horticulture, considered as proofs of a spreading and progressive taste, are just what it is one of the most important purposes of the Society to notice and encourage. Whether any mode of awarding and distributing premiums can be devised that shall reach such cases, and develope the nature and degree of merit belonging to each, is a question worthy to be considered hereafter by the Trustees. Although a difficult undertaking, an approximation to the success may not be impossible.

On the present occasion the Committee have had no other guide than the printed rules of the Exhibition. They have assigned the premiums according to the terms therein prescribed, and propose to notice the various contributions in the very concise manner required by the usual limits of the Report. They are named in the order in which they happened to be observed by the Committee while passing round the room for the purpose of examination.

1. A Bouquet from Hon. S. Salisbury.

2. A stand of Dahlias, a good selection, from Mrs. John Corey.

3. A dish of Verbenas, from the same.

4. A very handsome flat Bouquet, composed of Dahlias, Gladiolus, and Asters, from Mrs. Wm. T. Merrifield.

5. A flat Bouquet of Dahlias, from Thomas Baylies. Good.

6. A stand of Dahlias, with the names attached, a mode of exhibition well worthy of imitation, from Oliver Hall. Premium.

7. A vase of Dahlias, from Mrs. Loring Coes.

8. A dish of Verbenas, from Mrs. John Corey,—very handsome.

9. Vases of Cut Flowers, from J. Fawcett.

10. Vases of Altheas, Roses, Phloxes, and Verbenas, from D. W. Lincoln.

11. Vases of Roses, from the same.

12. Stand of Verbenas, from the same.

These were all choice and beautiful specimens.

13. Stand of Dahlias, Roses and Phloxes, arranged with much taste, from C. Thurber.

14. A very good Bouquet of Asters, from Mrs. A. H. Wilder.

15. A good Bouquet, from Miss Sawyer.

16. Stand of Dahlias, some of the finest varieties, and worthy of particular praise, from J. Mulcahy, of Wilkinsonville.

17. Flat Bouquet of Dahlias, from E. W. Spalding.

18. Dish of Dahlias and Asters, from Mrs. Weeks.

19. Stand of Dahlias, Gladiolus, &c., a fine collection, from Wm. C. Capron.

20. Vase of Cut Flowers, from Mrs. Dr. Bates. In addition to its own actual merits, credit is due in this case for the good season in which it was sent to the Hall.

21. Flat Bouquet, gracefully entwined with evergreen, from Mrs. Asa Rice, of West Boylston.

22. Bouquet of Dahlias, similarly combined, from Miss C. Fairbanks, of West Boylston.

23. Bouquet from A. D. Foster, very good collection and tastefully combined.

24. Amaranthus Grandiflora, from James Green. A large and good specimen.

25. Orange Tree, in fruit, from Robert Parker. Premium.

26. A handsome Double Oleander, from Mr. E. Carter.

27. Stand of Dahlias, from the College of the Holy Cross. Good specimens.

28. Two dishes and one basket Cut Flowers, from Miss Jane Fox.

29. One small but perfectly arranged vase of Asters and Phloxes, from the same.

30. A beautiful Bouquet, from the same.

31. Four very pretty small Bouquets, from Mrs. Bruce, of Charlestown.

32. Two vases of Dried Grass, from S. A. Daniels.

33. Stand of Dahlias, from W. T. Merrifield. Premium.

34. Small Bouquet of Flowers, from Mrs. L. P. Merriam.

35. Basket of Flowers, from Mrs. G. W. Richardson.

36. Dish of Balsamines, from the same.

37. Vase of Cut Flowers, from the same.

38. Stand of Dahlias, from the same, arranged with singular elegance and great purity of taste.

39. Flat Bouquet of Dahlias, from Matilda and Harriet Rice. Large and beautiful.

40. Small Bouquet, from N. Paine. Very handsome.

41. Two Bouquets of Cut Flowers, from Mr. Forbush. Handsome.

42. A round Bouquet, of much beauty, from John Green, 3d.

43. A pretty Bouquet of Cut Flowers, from Lucy E. Temple.

44. Dish of brilliant Cut Flowers, from Miss E. Banister.

45. A very well arranged round Bouquet of Dahlias and other Cut Flowers, from Miss S. J. Basset, of Blackstone.

46. A round Bouquet in a very handsome vase, from Mrs. W. M. Bickford.

47. A small dish of Pansies, from the same.

48. Bouquet of Cut Flowers, from Miss Packard.

49. A dish of Flowers, from Mrs. Geo. T. Rice. Tasteful.

50. A pyramid of Dahlias, from Leonard Cheney, of Southbridge, constructed so as to give fine effect to the plants. Gratuity.

51. Egg Plant, from Mrs. P. Goddard. Good Specimen.

52. A fine selection of Cut Flowers, in a vase, from Mrs. Gardiner Paine.

53. Stand of Dahlias, from W. C. Capron, of Uxbridge. Good variety.

54. A flat, heart-shaped Bouquet, of thirty-six Dahlias, from E. Withington.

55. Bouquet of Verbenas of the rarest kinds, from Miss Williams.

56. Dish of Marigolds, Verbenas, &c., from Mrs. James Green. A beautiful variety and well combined.

57. Staphelia Grandiflora, from John Green, 3d.

58. Two dishes of Roses, from Mrs. Wm. T. Merrifield.

59. An elegant Bouquet of Dahlias and Asters, from the same.

60. An exceedingly fine collection of Parlor Plants, from the same.

61. Thirty-four pots of German Asters, a superb collection, from O. Hall.

62. A scarlet Agapanthus Lily, from the same.

63. Cut Flowers, various forms, and beautifully arranged, from Mrs. Canfield. Premium.

The foregoing is simply a catalogue of the contributions that filled and adorned the Hall, with the briefest expressions of such commendation as their various merits elicited. Except where cases arise requiring minuter details of praise or criticism, this form of notice is perhaps the best, as being a concise record of the Exhibition with respect both to the number and quality of the articles displayed. More than this would be likely to extend our report to an unreadable length.

The six premiums offered by the Society were awarded by the Committee as follows:

For the best display of Dahlias, to O. Hall of Worcester,.....$2 00
For the second best, to Wm. T. Merrifield, of Worcester,..... 1 00
For the best display of Parlor Plants, to Wm. T. Merrifield, of Worcester, 2 00
For the second best, to Robert Parker, of Worcester,..... 1 00
For the best display of Cut Flowers, to Mrs. Canfield, of Worcester,... 2 00
For the second best display of Cut Flowers, to D. Waldo Lincoln, of Worcester,..... 1 00
To Leonard Cheney of Southbridge, for a stand of Dahlias and a Wreath, 1 00

For the Committee,
SAMUEL F. HAVEN.

REPORT ON FRUIT.

Dr. William Workman, *Chairman;* David S. Messinger, William N. Green, of Worcester, Dr. Joshua Porter, of No. Brookfield, Job C. Stone, of Shrewsbury.

When the Committee entered upon the performance of their duty, they soon found that they had a very arduous labor before them. They however, endeavored to discharge their duty faithfully, and to examine carefully, all the specimens of fruits upon the tables. If any escaped their notice, they regret it, and can only say, that it was not owing to any intentional neglect on their part. Whoever has experienced the labor of such an examination, will not think it very strange, if, amidst the vast multiplicity of specimens, some should be overlooked. Some contributions may not have been noticed, and possibly, some may have failed of a premium on account of the tardiness with which they were brought in. For such, if any such there were, the Committee do not feel responsible.

The season has been unfavorable to the production of apples this year, consequently the show of apples was neither as large nor as good as it has been in

years past. But the excellency and variety of Peaches, Pears, Plums, and Grapes, was such, as to compensate and more than make up in brilliancy of effect, for the deficiency of the apples.

We have had no show of peaches in any previous year, that would at all compare with the magnificent display of that luscious fruit collected on our tables this year.

The collection of pears also was large, and there were very many specimens of great excellence and beauty.

The samples of plums were very numerous, fine in quality, and in great variety.

There were several varieties of foreign grapes on the tables (cultivated under glass of course), that were rich to the vision and most delicious to the taste; and very numerous samples and varieties of native grapes raised in open culture, many of them of excellent quality for their kind: showing increased attention to the cultivation of this celebrated and time honored fruit.

It would be very gratifying to the Committee to say some pretty words to each and every one that graced the show by their contributions, as the fruit passed in review before them; but inasmuch as our horticultural shows are becoming a matter of utility more than of compliments, they must forego that pleasure on the present occasion. They will, therefore, proceed directly to the enumeration of the fruits, promising however, that they do not take the responsibility of the correctness of the nomenclature used in the report. They have reported the names principally as they were entered in the book; there are doubtless many errors, but the Committee soon found it would be too great a labor for them to undertake to correct them all. They have noticed particularly, only some of the best specimens—there were many others of great excellence and beauty, but it would extend this report too much to speak of them all.

Mrs. Anson Braman,—one dish of magnificent Newington Peaches, for which she was awarded the first premium for the best dish of peaches of no less than twelve specimens, $2.

Rev. Alonzo Hill,—Apples: Porter, Lyscom, Rhode Island Greenings, Hubbardston Nonsuch, Crab Apples; Plums: Prince's Imperial Gage, Washington, Green Gage: Pears: Passans du Portugal, Capiaumont, and Chelmsford, fine; Native Grapes.

Edward P. Chaffin,—Peaches, nameless.

Cyrus Holbrook, Sterling,—Peaches, nameless.

Benjamin N. Childs,—Peaches: President, and a seedling; Coolidge's Favourite, very fine; Dix Pear; Apples: Sweet Russet, Roxbury Russet, Greenings, French Apple, Black Gilliflower, Baldwin, Ribstone Pippin, Cathead Sweet, Nonsuch, and Native Grapes.

Dr. George Chandler, (Lunatic Hospital),—Buffum and seedling Pears.

Dr. Henry G. Bates,—Peaches: Crawford's Early; Isabella Grapes; Nectarines; Orange Quinces; Lyscom Apple.

Benjamin H. Goodale,—Victoria Plum and Coe's Golden Drop.

Joseph E. Phelps,—Plums: Columbia, Gage and Imperial Gage; Bartlett Pears.

Luke Harrington, Shrewsbury,—Bartlett Pears.

Paul Goodale, West Boylston,—Peaches.

Hiram Ross, Sterling,—Seedling Peaches.

A. M. Merrifield,—Peaches: Crawford's Early; Blackstone Grapes, and Bartlett Pears.

Z. Berry,—Peaches: Crawford's Early, two plates nameless.

Abner Rogers,—Peaches: two plates.

Charles Eager,—Peaches: Crawford's Early.

J. C. Ripley,—Peaches: Yellow Red Rareripe.

Hon. A. D. Foster,—Pears: Passe Colmar, Buffum, Auburn Bergamott, Henry IVth, Duchesse d'Angouleme, Bartlett, Winter Nelis, Seckel, Dix, Catillac, Napoleon, Prince's, St. Germain, St. Michael, Brown Beurre, two varieties unknown; Orange Quince; Green Gage Plums, and four varieties of Peaches.

George A. Dresser,—Orange Pears.

J. S. Rand,—Crawford Peaches.

Charles P. Nichols,—Four varieties of Plums, no names entered.

Mrs. A. Brown,—Bartlett Pears.

J. Lawrence Estey,—Orange Quinces; Apples: Greenings and Porters: Imperial Gage Plums.

Henry K. Newcomb,—Pears: Bartlett, Dix. (very fine.)

Charles H. Hill,—Peaches: Crawford's Early, George IVth, Coolidge's Favourite, Royal Kensington, and four varieties of seedlings, all very fine; Pears: Seckel, Beurre d'Amalis, Capiaumont; Plums: Duane's Purple and Magnum Bonum: Quinces: a beautiful collection. Premium for second best collection of Peaches, (seven dishes), $3.

Charles Paine,—Peaches: Crawford's Early, Royal Kensington, George IVth, Seedling; Semiana Plums; Portugal Quinces.

Charles Hale, Millbury,—Orange Quinces; plate of Plums: Blackstone, and other native Grapes, Black Hamburg and Sweet Water Grapes. First premium for the best specimen of Quinces, $2.

Jonas H. Allen, Shrewsbury,—Peaches: Cooledge's Favourite, Crawford's Early, Jaques' Yellow Rareripe, Bellegarde, Cotton, Yellow Red Rareripe, Red Rareripe, Golden Melocoton, two nameless, three seedlings,—he calls one Allen's seedling. The seedlings are good, but the Committee would prefer to wait another year before giving a decided opinion upon them. Twelve dishes of native Grapes; a magnificent collection of Peaches; first premium of $4.

Rev. John Jennings,—Peaches: Crawford's Early, Melocoton, and Late Crawford, Red Rareripe, Cooledge's Favourite, George IVth, Yellow Red Rareripe, one variety unknown,—all very fine. Third best collection,—premium $2.

Creighton Ruggles, Barre,—Native Grapes.

Asa H. Allen, Shrewsbury,—Peaches: Crawford's Early, Lemon Freestone, Coolidge's Favourite, one seedling;—a good collection.

Thomas W. Ward, Shrewsbury,—Three varieties of seedling Peaches.

Philander Sears,—Peaches: Crawford's Early, Red Rareripe, Yellow Melocoton; nameless Apples.

Samuel H. Colton, of the Worcester Nursery,—Pears: Bartlett, Dix, Louise Bonne de Jersey, Frederic de Wurtemberg, Josephine, Petre, Seckel Beurre de Capiaumont, Belle Lucrative, Napoleon, Beurre d'Aremberg, Beurre Diel, Bezi de la Motte, Marie Louise, Duchess d'Angouleme, Beurre d'Amalis, Andrews, Lewis, Muscadine, Buffum, Beurre Bosc, St. Andre, St. Michael, Henry IVth, Golden Beurre of Bilboa, Rostiezer, Dearbon's Seedling, two nameless; Apples: Baldwin, Peck's Pleasant, Roxbury Russet, Pound Royal, Lyscom, Tifft Sweeting, Talman's Sweeting, Honey Greening, Brabant Bellflower, Maiden's Blush, Hamburg, French Nonpareil, Ladies' Sweeting, Kelsey, Episcopal, R. I. Greening, Fameuse, Hollow Crown, Pomme Royal, Porter, Danvers Winter Sweet, three varieties of Crab, two nameless, White Seek No Further; Plums: Purple Favourite, Nectarine, Purple Gage, Lombard, Jefferson, Diamond, Golden Drop, Downton, Imperatrice, Green Gage, Cruger's Scarlet Gage, Imperial Gage, Huling's Superb Nota Bene, Petit Mirabelle. A splendid collection. First premium for best collection of Plums, $4; Grapes: Isabella and Fitchburg. The Committee after much tasting, came to the conclusion that the Fitchburg Grape is one of the best, if not *the best*, of the native Grapes. Orange Quince.

For his very large and fine show of Pears (twenty-nine varieties,) Mr. Colton takes the premium for the second best collection, $4.

John B. Pratt,—Peaches: Crawford's Early, Nameless, Cooledge's Favorite, Royal George, Bellegarde, Good.

Thomas Earle,—Pears: Bartlett and Seckel; Peaches: Yellow Rareripe Red Rareripe, Cooledge's Favorite.

S. P. Champney,—Peaches: Crawfords' Early, Yellow Melocoton, Sargent Rareripe; Apples: Pippin and Lyscom.

D. S. Messinger,—Peaches: Red Cheeked Melocoton, Snow Peach, Cooledge's Favorite, Brevoort, Morris White, Royal George, three nameless, one seedling.

John Barnard,—Seedling Peach; Isabella Grapes, very fine. First premium for Grapes raised in open culture.

Solomon Parsons,—Chelmsford Pears.

Putnam W. Taft,—Plums: Imperial Gage, Yellow Gage; Nameless Peaches; Bartlett Pears.

John C. Dodge,—Attleboro'—Black Hamburg Grapes, very fine.

John Milton Earle,—Pears: Marie Louise, very fine, Belle Lucrative, Golden Beurre of Bilboa, Beurre d'Amalis, fine, Flemish Beauty, Beurre d'Aremberg, Louise Bonne de Jersey, Duchess d'Angouleme, Glout Morceau, Lawrence, St. Michael, Dix, Surpasse Virgalieu, Andrews, Hacon's Incomparable, Brown Beurre, Henry IVth, very fine, Bartlett, Chaumontelle, Vicar of Winkfield, Lewis, Julienne, Urbaniste, Henry IVth on quince, Marie Louise on quince, very fine, Bleecker's Meadow, Rushmore's Bon Chretien, Bezi de la Motte, Rousselet de Rheims, Passe Colmar, unnamed, Paradise

d'Automme, *beautiful!* Thirty varieties; Peaches; Early Crawford, Late Crawford, Cooledge's Favorite, Red Rareripe, Yellow Rareripe, George IVth, White Imperial, Beers' Late Rareripe, Bonaparte, Late Admirable, Morris' Red Rareripe, Yellow Alberge, Blood, Morris' White Rareripe, Seedling, Ballard's Seedling, Yellow Melocoton; Plums: Washington, Green Gage, St. Catharines, Orleans, Purple Gage, Blue Gage, Smith's Orleans, Diamond, Coe's Golden Drop, Prince's Imperial Gage, Prince's Red Gage, Lombard, French Prune, Ross' Autumn Gages, Brussels, Horse Plum, Semiana,—seventeen varieties. A very large and fine collection. For second best collection of Plums, Mr. Earle takes the second premium of $3. Mr. Earle's collection of pears was one of great excellence. The Committee had considerable difficulty in deciding between this and that of Judge Thomas for the third premium; but after much deliberation and repeated examination, they came to the conclusion that Judge Thomas had the largest number of first-rate specimens of good kinds; though Mr. Earle had the largest variety and some of them were magnificent, yet others of his best kinds were imperfect specimens.

Jonathan Rice,—Preserved Gooseberries and Currants.

E. J. Whiting,—Preserved Watermelon.

Enoch Hall,—Native Sweet Grapes.

Oliver Hall,—Peaches: Clingstone, Red Rareripe, Snow, Cooledge's Favorite, Yellow Rareripe.

George W. Richardson,—Peaches: Crawford's Late and Red Rareripe.

Hon. B. F. Thomas,—Plums: Queen Mother, Nameless; Apples: Baldwin, Porter, Fall Pippin, Nameless, Minister, Grafton Sweeting; Pears: Louise Bonne de Jersey, Beurre Diel, Flemish Beauty, Capiaumont, Beurre d'Aremberg, Beurre Bosc, Iron, Nameless, Bleecker's Meadow, Nameless, Bartlett, Nameless, Napoleon, Howell, Duchesse d'Angouleme, St Michael, Seckel, Easter Beurre, Nameless, Brown Beurre, Nameless; Orange Quince; twenty-one varieties of pears of excellent quality. Premium for third best collection, $3. Judge Thomas presented a bountiful dish of Queen Mother Plums. These plums are recommended by him as possessing several good qualities which should render them worthy of more extensive cultivation. They are not injured by the curculio. The tree is a constant and enormous bearer; the fruit will hang on the tree till it becomes shrivelled and dried without rotting. They are a very good, though not first-rate plum, and continue a long time in good eating condition. The Judge will be happy to supply any one with scions who may desire them.

Clarendon Harris,—Five varieties of Peaches, a very handsome lot, names not entered.

Gardiner Paine,—Pears: Louise Bonne de Jersey, Beurre d'Amalis, St. Michael, Bartlett, Duchesse d'Angouleme.

Emory Banister,—Pears: Louise Bonne de Jersey, very fine, Bartlett, Passe Colmar; Plums: Imperial Gage.

Mrs. Cynthia Flagg,—Eureka Peaches.

Asaph Andrews, Shrewsbury,—Peaches: Snow, Nameless, Seedling, Cool-

edge's Favorite; Pears: Flemish Beauty and Winter Nelis, both very fine; Native Grapes.

Alexander H. Plympton, Shrewsbury,—Seedling Peaches.

Joseph L. Roysler,—Peaches: Yellow Rareripe, Red Rareripe.

Job C. Stone, Shrewsbury,—Apples: Leland's Spice, Early Williams, Maiden's Blush; Purple Quinces.

Anthony Chase,—Pears: Flemish Beauty, Bartlett, two varieties, Nameless; Peaches: Bullard's Seedlings; Green Gage Plums; Orange Quinces, very fine. Premium for second best Quinces, $1.

Josiah Britton,—Late Crawford Peaches.

Wm. M. Bickford,—Apples: Lyscom, Fall Pippin, Blue Pearmain, R. I. Greenings, Baldwin, Winter Sweeting, Belden Sweeting, two varieties, Nameless; Pears: Pound, Easter Beurre, Seckel, Nectarines.

Lucius Beach,—Apples: Baldwin, Roxbury Russet, three plates Nameless.

Horace Chenery,—Apples: Blue Pearmain.

Hon. Charles Allen,—Pears: St. Michael; Quinces.

John Patrick, Warren,—Peaches: Crawford, Nameless; two plates of Bartlett Pears, fine.

Edward Earle,—Pears: Nameless, Sieulle, Duchesse d'Angouleme, Buffum, Bleecker's Meadow, Dix, Bartlett, cooking, eleven plates of pears, names not entered, Seckel; one plate of Peaches; Sweet Water Grapes. For his twenty varieties of beautiful pears, he takes the premium for the best collection of Pears, $5.

Charles Thurber,—Pears: Bartlett; Apples: Lyscom, Russet, R. I. Greenings, Nameless, two varieties; Peaches; Yellow Rareripe, Nameless, Cooledge's Favorite, Yellow Melocoton, Red Rareripe, Nameless.

George T. Rice,—Pears: Catillac, (the most magnificent specimen of pear in the Hall, but the number was not sufficient for a premium), Duchess d'Angouleme, very fine, Flemish Beauty, Henry IVth, Passe Colmar, Seckel, very fine, Julienne, Nameless, Bartlett, Nameless; Plums: Blue Imperatrice, Washington. For the best dish of not less than six specimens, Mr. Rice takes the first premium for his beautiful Seckel pears.

Dr. H. F. Johnson,—Plums: Imperial Gage, Nameless; Peaches: George IVth, Nameless.

Lemuel Smith,—Bartlett Pears; Peaches: Red Rareripes, Crawford.

Joseph H. Hastings, Shrewsbury,—Pears: Bon Chretien; Peaches: Yellow Rareripe; Native Grapes.

D. S. Messinger,—Apples: Greenings, Baldwin, Lady, Roxbury Russet, Yellow Crab; Plums: Coe's Golden Drop, Magnum Bonum, Purple; Native Grapes; Pears: Louise Bonne de Jersey, Early Scarlet and Nectarines.

Alpheus Merrifield, — Peaches: Jaques' Yellow Rareripe; Plums: Duane's Purple.

A. J. Brooks, — Peaches: Crawford, Cooledge's Favorite, two varieties Nameless; Apples: Lyscom, Nameless, Roxbury Russet.

Dr. H. G. Davis, Millbury,—Apples: dish of Porter's, very fine; Orange

Quinces: Peaches: Crawford. For the second best dish of Apples, premium $1.

Estes Smith,—Peaches: Crawford, Cooledge's Favorite; Plums: Imperial Gage, and Lombard.

Levi Clapp,—Peaches: Crawford.

Curtis Howe, Northboro',—Crawford Peaches.

O. Fairbanks, West Boylston,—Native Grapes.

F. H. Kinnicutt,—Peaches: three varieties Nameless; Pears: Easter Beurre, Brown Beurre, Nameless, Bartlett: Isabella Grapes: Plums: Coe's Golden Drop, Imperial Gage, four varieties Nameless; Peaches: Yellow Rareripe, Yellow Melocoton, Yellow Nectarines, and two Nameless varieties.

Henry Goulding,—Bartlett Pears, Orange Quinces.

Edwin Conant,—Plums: Coes' Golden Drop, Duane's Purple, Nameless; Pears: Brown Beurre, Napoleon, White Doyenne, Louise Bonne de Jersey, Nameless, Bartlett, a good lot.

Ansel Lakin,—Nectarine Plum; seven plates of fruit, names not entered. His Nectarine Plums took the second premium for second best dish of Plums, $1.

Hiram Wing, Northbridge, — Grapes: Blackstone, very fine seedling; Apples: Black Gilliflower.

Luke Brummet, Leicester, — Native Grapes; Apples: Hubbardston Nonsuch.

George F. Chandler, Lancaster,—Native Grapes.

Hon. Levi Lincoln,—Pears: Iron, Napoleon, Nameless, Vicar of Winkfield, Bartlett, Josephine, St. Ghislain, two Nameless, Passe Colmar, fine, Beurre Diel, very fine, Nameless, Seckel, two Nameless, Wilkinson, St. Michael, fine; Peaches: Snow, Crawford, George IVth, Good, Cooledge's Favorite, two Nameless; Apples: Hubbardston Nonsuch; Plums: Imperial Gage, Lombard, Nameless.

Silas Allen, Shrewsbury,—Pears: Bartlett, very fine. Belle, St. Michael, Flemish Beauty, Nameless, Seckel; Orange Quinces; Apples: Sugar Sweeting, Spotted Pearmain, Porter, fine, Spice, Lemon, Greening, Rockport Sweeting, Golden Russet, Roxbury Russet, Seek-No-Further, very handsome, Seedling, Lyscom, Spitzenberg; Peaches: Cooledge's Favorite, Yellow Melocoton, Lemon Melocoton, Red-Cheeked Melocoton, Jaques' Yellow Rareripe, Blood, Cotton Rareripe, five varieties of Seedlings: Native Grapes. First premium for best dish of Apples, Seek-No-Furthers, $2. Gratuity of $1 for his dish of beautiful Bartlett Pears.

Edwin Draper,—Native Grapes: Plums: Imperial Gage, Green Gage; Pears: Bartlett, Passe Colmar, Nameless; Peach: Oldmixon Freestone.

Rejoice Newton,—Pears; Perry, Seckel, Bartlett.

David Carter, Lowell,—Two boxes Native Seedling Grapes, of very large size and handsome appearance, but the Committee could discover no other quality to recommend them—were the common run of Native Grapes.

E. & L. Nelson, Upton,—Milford Mammoth Peach, Red Melocoton, Early Crawford, Lemon Freestone.

Leander Loring, Princeton,—Native Grapes.

O. B. Hadwen,—Isabella Grapes, very fine; second premium for open culture, $1.

Silas Forbush, Grafton,—Peaches: Bellegarde, Yellow Red, Rareripe and Seedling; North Branch Apple.

Leonard Brigham,—St. Michael Pears, very fine. Premium for second best dish of Pears, $1.

Dr. Wm. Workman,—Pears:—Louise Bonne de Jersey, St. Michael's; Plums: Nameless; two varieties Native Grapes.

Curtis Forbush, Grafton,—Peaches: Forbush Seedling, Yellow Red Rareripe, Royal George, Cooledge's Favorite, Yellow Melocoton, Nameless. For best New Seedling Peach, premium $2. Has been described in Mass. Spy.

T. C. Patton, Sterling,—Peaches: Red Rareripes.

J. L. Woodward, Millbury,—Peaches: Yellow Rareripe, Red Rareripe, two plates each; Native Grapes.

G. Williams, Millbury,—Pears: St. Michael, Beurre Capiaumont.

Mrs. S. D. Torrey, Millbury,—Peaches: Late Crawford, Cooledge's Favorite, very fine. Premium for second best dish of Peaches not less than twelve in number, $1.

Lewis Winter, Millbury,—Peaches: Yellow Melocoton, Red Rareripe; two varieties Apples, Nameless; Nectarine Plums.

Darius Rice,—Peaches: Late Crawford; Orange Quinces.

D. Eager, Northboro',—Apples: Lyscom and Nameless.

Mrs. Oliver B. Webber,—Seedling Peaches.

Harvey Dodge, Sutton,—Orange Quinces.

D. D. Prescott, West Boylston,—Apples: Baldwins and Russets.

David Penning, Sutton,—Native Grapes.

Henry Belcher, North Brookfield,—Peaches: Lemon, Freestone.

John Hammond,—Seckel Pear; Apples: Hubbardston Nonsuch, Nameless.

A. Thayer,—Early Crawford; Peaches.

Col. Edmund Cushing, Lunenburg,—Peaches: Crawford Seedling.

Charles A. Pierce, Grafton,—Early Crawford Peaches.

John Whitney,—Peaches: Red Rareripe, Early Crawford.

F. Nourse, Grafton,—Early Crawford Peaches.

C. M. Forbush, Grafton,—Apples: Baldwin, Porter, Nameless; Crawford Peaches; Black Hamburg Grapes. Second premium for Grapes raised under glass, $1.

Mrs. Salisbury,—Pears: Seckel, Brown Beurre; Apples: Magnum Bonum and Sweet.

Stephen Salisbury,—Plums: Imperial Gage; Pears: Bartlett, Marie Louise, Easter Beurre, Seckel, Nameless, King of Wurtemberg, Glout Morceau, Belle et Bonne, Nameless, Rousellette de Rheims, Doyenne Gris; Apples: Baldwin, York Russet, R. I. Greening, Porter, Crab, Nonsuch; Seedling Peaches.

Charles Hadwen,—Hadwen's Seedling Peaches.

Hon. John Davis,—Peaches: Cooledge's Favorite.

Ward Poole,—Apples: Lyscom; Plums: Jefferson, Reine Claude, Purple Gage; Peaches: Cooledge's Favorite, Nameless; Isabella Grapes.

John Farwell, (Alms-House Farm,)—Peaches: Cooledge's Favorite, White Rareripe, Nameless; Lyscom Apples.

Pitt Holmes,—Peaches: Crawford's Early, Late Crawford, Red Rareripe, White Rareripe, Seedling, Yellow Rareripe, six plates, Nameless; five varieties of Native Grapes.

George Jaques,—Apples: Pound Sweeting, Tift Sweeting, Dartmouth Sweeting, Moore's Winter Sweeting, Pumpkin Sweeting, Concord Sweeting, Danvers Winter Sweeting, Yellow Bellflower, Capron's Pleasant, Early Williams, Lyscom, Old Red Pearmain, Peck's Pleasant, Fall Harvey, Roxbury Russet, Baldwin, Red Hamburg, Hubbardston Nonsuch, Porter, two varieties Siberian Crab, five nameless varieties—twenty-six varieties in all; Pears: St. Michael, very fine, Beurre Diel, Chelmsford, Doyenne d'Hiver, Andrews, Beurre d'Amalis, Buffum, Vicar of Winkfield, L. B. de Jersey, Flemish Beauty, Bleecker's Meadow, Fondante de Automne, Bartlette, fine, one Nameless,—fourteen varieties; Peaches: George IVth, Yellow Rareripe; Plums: Smith's Orleans; Quinces: Orange and Pear, a handsome lot.

Henry A. Belcher, North Brookfield,—Peaches: Yellow Rareripe.

W. D. Fenno,—Plums: Magnum Bonum.

Oliver Barrett, Bolton,—Native Grapes, two varieties: Apples: Holman, Golden Russet of 1848, in a good state of preservation, Garden Royal, Sweet Pearmain, Spitzenberg, Golden Russet, Red Sweeting, Nameless, Nonsuch, Baldwin, Pumpkin Sweeting; Peaches: President, two varieties Seedling, Red Rareripe, Melocoton, Rareripe, Yellow Rareripe, a very fine lot of peaches.

Oliver Barrett, Jr., Bolton,—Peaches: Yellow Rareripe, Red Rareripe, two varieties Seedlings.

J. H. Moore, Charlton,—Apples: Pippin; Orange Quinces; Blackstone Grapes; Plums: Coes' Golden Drop; Bartlett Pears; Catharine Peaches.

Luther Johnson, Millbury,—Bartlett Pears; Baldwin Apples.

Samuel Sawyer, Millbury,—Bartlett Pears, large and fine; Baldwin Apples.

Phillip Taft, Millbury,—Peaches: Red Rareripe; Apples: Baldwin, Winter Harvey.

A. W. Harris,—Bartlett Pears, Nameless; Peaches: Yellow Rareripe; Lombard Plums.

Wm. C. Capron, Uxbridge,—Apples: Nonsuch, Capron's Pleasant, Porter, R. I. Greening, Baldwin, New York Pippin, Roxbury Russett, Peck's Pleasant, White Gilliflower, Nonpareil, Blue Pearmain, Black Gilliflower, Connecticut Pearmain, Pomme Royale, Vermont Spice, River, Downy, Rock Sweeting, Damon's Winter Sweeting, Russet Pearmain, Russet Pippin, Vermont Sweeting, Honey Greening, Honey Pearmain, Red Sapson, King's Pumpkin Sweeting, Lyscom, Dutch Codlin, Talman Sweeting, six varieties Nameless, Yellow Crab, Red Siberian Crab; Pears: Belle Lucrative, five nameless varie-

ties, Seckel, Beurre d'Amalis, Bleecker's Meadow, Flemish Beauty, Marie Louise; Plums: Blue Gage, White Gage; Grapes: Isabella, Native. Mr. Capron furnished a very large variety of the best kind of apples, larger and better than any contribution,—good for this year. Premium for the best lot of Apples $5, with the thanks of the Society for adding so much to the show.

C. W. Harrington, Lunenburg,—Peaches: Yellow Red Rareripe, Early Crawford.

William A. Wheeler,—Native Grapes.

John Clapp, Leicester,—Pears: Bartlett, Buffum, Seckel, Bleecker's Meadow, Harvard, Julienne, Glout Morceau, Capiaumont, Berlin, Nameless; Peaches: Jaques' Rareripe, Yellow Alberge; Isabella Grapes.

Samuel A. Cushing, Shrewsbury,—Crawford Peaches.

Dr. Joshua Porter, North Brookfield,—Peaches: Cooledge's Favorite, Seedling, Yellow Red Rareripe; Pears: Flemish Beauty, Vicar of Winkfield, Belle Lucrative, St. Michael, Beurre d'Amalis, Dearbon's Seedling, a very good lot.

John Howe, North Brookfield.—Pears: Beurre Diel; Lemon Peaches.

Rev. T. C. Biscoe, Grafton,—Melocoton Peaches.

J. K. L. Pickford,—Peaches: Yellow Red Rareripe, Cooledge's Favorite.

Henry Woodward,—Peaches: Cooledge's Favorite, a fine speeimen.

D. W. Lincoln,—Pears: Ananas, (French), Autumn Superb, Bartlett, Brown Beurre, Beurre Diel, Beurre d'Amalis, Capiaumont, Chelmsford, Colmar d'Aremberg, Dearborn's Seedling, Duchesse d'Angouleme, Easter Beurre, Fondante d'Automne, Frederic of Wurtemberg, Ferdinand de Maistre, Fulton, Flemish Beauty, Glout Morceau, Hessel, Hacon's Incomparable, Henry IVth, Julienne, Louise Bonne de Jersey, Long Green, Napoleon, Passe Colmar, Poir de Coq, (grosse) Rostiezer, St. Ghislain, Sargent, St. Michael, Urbaniste, Washington, Wilkinson; Grapes: Black Hamburg, White Muscat of Alexandria, White Frontignan, Golden Chasselas, Grizzly Frontignan, Chasselas of Fontainbleau. Mr. Lincoln's large collection of Pears contained many very fine specimens, and his show of beautiful and luscious Grapes was the most magnificent of anything that has ever been found upon our tables. The White Muscat of Alexandria, and the Grizzly Frontignan, especially, surpassed anything of the kind the Committee ever tasted. To him was awarded the first premium for grapes grown under glass, $2.

All which is respectfully submitted, for the Committee,

WILLIAM WORKMAN, Chairman.

REPORT ON VEGETABLES.

John B. Pratt, *Chairman;* Charles Nash, John Gray, Jr., of Worcester.

[No Report appears to have been elaborated by the Committee; at least none is extant. The following statement of their conclusions is gathered from the official summary of Premiums.—*Sec.*]

For the best collection, to David S. Messinger, of Worcester.....$3 00
For the second best collection, to Obadiah B. Hadwen, of Worcester,... 2 00
For the best collection of Squashes, to Franklin Howe, of Millbury.... 1 00
For the best collection of Cabbages, to Asa H. Allen, of Shrewsbury, 1 00
Also, a Gratuity of $1, to B. F. Franklin, of Worcester, for the third best collection of Vegetables,..... 1 00

From the *Spy* of Thursday, September 29th, A. D. 1849.—[Edited by John Milton Earle.]

HORTICULTURAL EXHIBITION.

"We have never before been so signally disappointed in any Exhibition of "our Horticultural Society as in the present one. It is really capital, not- "withstanding the fears which had generally prevailed, in consequence of the "unfavorable season, of a great falling off. We have never before seen such "an exhibition of Peaches and Plums, either here or elsewhere. Not only are "entries numerous, but they are of many and choice varieties and are re- "markably well grown, large, fair, and very finely colored. In Pears, we "looked for a falling off, but we think there never before has been so large an "exhibition of specimens *raised in this County*. Some of the varieties are not "so large and handsome as usual, while others are remarkably fair. Among "the latter, we may name the St. Michael, many dishes of which are of the "highest excellence. So it is too, with the Flemish Beauty, Seckel, Louise "Bonne de Jersey, Marie Louise, &c., &c.

"The only falling off is in Apples. These are less numerous than hereto- "fore and not of so good quality, but we think the deficiency more than com- "pensated by the excellence of other departments."

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REPORT ON FLOWERS.

Dr. Samuel Flagg, *Chairman;* Dr. William Workman, Meltiah B. Green.

A careful search of the files of various newspapers for 1850, has disclosed no Report upon Flowers. The award of Premiums is certified as follows :—[*Sec.*]

1. Best display of Dahlias, to William T. Merrifield,.....$2 00
2. Second best display of Dahlias, to Mrs. Corey..... 1 00
3. Third " " " " not awarded.
4. Fourth " " " " not awarded.

Best display of Cut Flowers, Mrs. M. B. Green,..... 2 00
Second best display of Cut Flowers, Charles S. Adams,..... 1 00

REPORT ON VEGETABLES.

Charles Hadwen, *Chairman;* Gardiner Paine, John C. Ripley.

No Report upon Vegetables for the year 1850, can be traced. But the awards of the Committee are thus certified.—[*Sec.*]

For the best collection, to Ichabod Washburn,.....$3 00
For the second best collection, no award.
For the best Marrow Squash, to C. M. Gould,..... 1 00
For the Best Cabbage, to Patrick Lonergan,..... 1 00

REPORT ON FRUITS.

George Jaques, *Chairman;* Samuel H. Colton, Dr. William Workman.

The Committee are of the opinion that a finer display of Fruit than that which they were called upon to examine, has never been exhibited within the limits of New England, outside of the city of Boston.

They are sorry, however, to be compelled to believe that the attraction of every department of the exhibition might have been greatly increased, had the zeal of many cultivators residing in the immediate vicinity, been in any means equal to their ability.

Nevertheless the lovers of fruits and flowers may well congratulate themselves upon the measure of prosperity to which the Society has attained; gratifying as it is for the present, encouraging as it may be for the future.

One thing cannot fail to be noticed, that the pomological resources of the Society have wonderfully increased within a comparatively short period of time. Ten years ago, there were placed upon a few small tables in an obscure room, three or four dozen dishes of apples, chiefly of the most common varieties, a few plates of pears,—kindly given, or reluctantly lent, for the occasion by cultivators residing within the territory proper of the Mass. Hort. Society—a score or two of Quinces, and *one solitary sample of the peach.*

To make out the attractions of the display, the room itself was decorated with paintings. These and other preparations having been made, the people (counted as easily by scores as hundreds) assembled to witness the first regular exhibition held by the Society.

A few years have passed away, and the Society have just held their Eleventh Annual Exhibition. Their large and commodious hall was filled with tables leaving only passage ways between them. Upon these were arranged twelve hundred plates of beautiful fruit, all carefully labelled! Beside the members of the Society, more than two thousand visitors crowded into the hall to examine and compare the fruits, and to become bewildered by the profusion that surrounded them.

The display of Pears alone comprised nearly four hundred plates, containing specimens of not less than seventy varieties!

Of Apples, there was a still greater quantity, although the number of known varieties might have been less.

More than thirty varieties of the Peach were exhibited, among which were several fine and beautiful seedlings.

Although late in an unpropitious season, the best collection numbered not less than thirteen valuable varieties of the Plum—a cheering evidence that, in spite of the black excrescence, the rot, and the curculio, it is not yet time to despair of this favorite fruit.

Of Grapes grown under glass, a single cultivator—D. W. Lincoln, Esq., of this city—exhibited nine varieties. Several specimens of the grape grown in open culture were upon the tables, but they were mostly unripe.

There were also fine Quinces and other fruits.

A list of the names of those who contributed largely to this exhibition, would comprise among others,—

D. W Lincoln,—Pears: sixty-three varieties; Grapes, (grown under glass) nine varieties.

J. M. Earle, (President of the Society), Pears: forty-seven varieties; Plums: four varieties.

S. H. Colton, (of Worcester Nursery), Pears: twenty-seven varieties; Apples: fifty-two varieties; Peaches: twenty-three varieties; Plums: thirteen varieties.

Ben. F. Thomas,—Pears: between twenty and twenty-five varieties.

Hon. Levi Lincoln,—Pears: seventeen to twenty varieties.

Joel Knapp, Sutton,—Apples: twenty varieties.

George A. Chamberlain,—Apples: twenty-five to thirty varieties.

B. N. Child,—Apples: sixteen to twenty varieties.

Asa H. Waters, Millbury,—Pears, and other fruits, thirty-three varieties.

Smaller, but very good collections, were received from the following named gentlemen:

A. D. Foster,—Pears: fifteen varieties.

Wm. N. Green,—Pears: twelve varieties; Apples: thirteen varieties.

Gardiner Paine,—Pears: eight varieties or more; Peaches: seven varieties.

Chester Gorham, Barre,—Pears: nine varieties.

O. B. Hadwen,—twenty-one varieties of fruit.

J. H. Allen, Shrewsbury,—Peaches: eleven varieties.

Rev. Dr. Smalley,—Pears and Apples: ten to twelve very valuable varieties.

Capt Silas Allen, Shrewsbury,—twenty-five varieties of fruit.

C. J. Parker, Westboro',—a fine collection of Peaches; Maiden's Blush Apples, &c.

Charles Paine,—thirteen varieties of fruit.

Daniel Tenney, Sutton,—seventeen varieties of fruit.

C. W. Forbush of Grafton, J. H. Moore of Charlton, Dr. Porter of North Brookfield, Francis T. Merrick, Stephen Salisbury of Worcester, and others exhibited good collections.

The balance of the fruits were contributed chiefly in small quantities, by nearly a hundred individuals whose names and places of residence are contained in the following list, copied from the book of entries.

Holden,—John E. Chaffin, A. Putnam.

Millbury,—J. H. Benchley, Charles Hale, Samuel Sawyer, Lawson Putnam, John E. Harrington, Calvin W. Barker, Calvin Barker, Philip Taft, Elias Forbes, J. L. Woodward, Edward E. Forbes, Francis McCrackin, Mrs. D. Torrey, Miss J. E. Bacon.

Shrewsbury,—T. R. Norcross, J. B. Harrington, J. H. Nelson, Josiah G. Howe, G. H. Harlow, Mr. Norcross, Philo Slocumb.

West Boylston,—John B. Eames, Nathan Morse, O. Fairbanks.

Northbridge,—Hiram Wing.

Sutton,—Willard Rice.

Westboro',—Silas Parmenter.

Bolton,—Caleb Nourse.

Leicester,—John Clapp.

Grafton,—C. A. Pierce, Geo. Dunn, C. S. Thurston, W. L. Lewis, Charles Brigham.

Lancaster,—Emory H. White, W. S. Locke.

Berlin,—Rev. Henry Adams.

North Brookfield,—Thomas Bond, S. H. Skerry, Amasa Walker.

Northboro',—Wilder Bush.

Worcester,—J. Hartshorn, S. H. Perry, Wm. W. Pratt, Rejoice Newton, C. P. Bancroft, M. M. Chaffin, David S. Messinger, J. F. Allen, Charles M. Miles, Lewis Sturtevant, Willard Earle, Nathaniel Brooks, Wm. T. Merrifield, James L. Esty, Eli Johnson, Wm. Eames, Mrs. S. Whitney, James Green, Ebenezer Flagg, Willard F. Pond, S. P. Champney, J. O. Lewis, C. C. Coleman, Francis N. Merrifield, Edwin Draper, Francis H. Dewey, Pitt Holmes, C. P. Nichols, Mrs. Braman, Solomon Parsons, Samuel Perry, John F. Pond, Mrs. Salisbury, Loring Coes, Levi Gates, I. Washburn, Adolphus Baylies, Samuel S. Leonard, Nathaniel R. Parkhurst, Wm. Workman, Jonathan Rice, Salem Copeland, Charles Nash, Dennis Newton, J. K. L. Pickford.

The Committee would add, that if any names are omitted in the above list, it is because they were not entered upon the Society's Records at the time the entry of fruits was made. With the single exception of two plates of Peaches from Mr. Delevan, of New Jersey, the entire collection of fruit was the product of the county of Worcester! It would hardly be an exaggeration, to assert that the whole State of Massachusetts, exclusive of Boston and half a dozen towns in the immediate vicinity of that city, could not, ten years ago, have produced such a display of the truly valuable productions of the orchard and garden. The great utility of the Horticultural Exhibitions would seem, therefore, to be no longer a matter of question; for certainly it is from these more than from any other source that the community have acquired a knowledge of the best varieties of fruit, and a taste for their cultivation.

Of superior specimens of Pears, the Committee noticed among others, very large and beautiful *Bartletts* from Asa H. Allen, Shrewsbury, Miss Waldo, Wm. N. Green, Wm. A. Eames, B. F. Thomas and Jonathan Rice of Worcester; *Golden Beurre of Bilboa*, from B. F. Thomas and Wm. N. Green; *Paradise d'Automne*, from John C. Mason, J. M. Earle, S. H. Colton of Worcester, and Dr. Porter of North Brookfield. Of this latter pear, all the specimens were borne upon scions of three years growth. In size, form and color, the fruit bears a general resemblance to the Beurre Bosc; its flavor is not surpassed even by that of the Seckel; the tree grows vigorously, and is very productive. Of all the new pears, the Committee know of none promising to be so valuable an acquisition as this. Unfortunately for those who prefer dwarf trees, the Paradise d'Automne does not grow well, worked directly on the quince. It may, however, be double worked with considerable chance of success.

Fine specimens of *L. B. de Jersey*, from J. C. Mason, B. F. Thomas, Rev. Dr. Smalley, D. W. Lincoln, and others.

St. Michael, from Francis T. Merrick, (very fine), also, from Wm. N. Green.

A magnificent plate of *Urbaniste* (grown on quince,) from D. W. Lincoln.

Flemish Beauty, from Anthony Chase, very fair for this season.

Of Apples, Wm. A. Draper of this city exhibited a fine plate of *Porters* from

a tree grafted twenty-eight months ago. Mr. D. states that the crop borne by the scions this year was ten bushels! Fine Porters were exhibted by J. L. Estey of Worcester, and others. *Gravenstein*, by Wm. N. Green, and S. H. Colton. *Mother Apple*, from Job, C. Stone, of Shrewsbury, Mr. Nourse of Bolton, and Charles Nash of Worcester. *Dutchess of Oldenbury*, by S. H. Colton. Walker, (apples) so called, from Amasa Walker, of North Brookfield. This was a very large and beautiful striped apple, nearly in eating. The Committee are in the dark, as it respects the *true* name, origin, and real value of the fruit. Their criticisms, therefore, do not extend further than to remark that the apple, though very beautiful, is of an objectionable large size for cultivation in localities exposed to the wind. *Sutton Beauty*, (a capital winter fruit) from Joel Knapp of Sutton.

Peaches.—Among the many beautiful specimens there were three plates of Seedlings from Asa H. Allen, of Shrewsbury. These varieties closely resemble each other, and might either one of them be mistaken for very beautiful specimens of the "Early Crawford," only they were more highly and darkly colored, and of a more roundish form.

Cooledge's Red Rareripe, (a splendid white fleshed peach,) was exhibited by Capt. Silas Allen, of Shrewsbury.

James Allen of Oakham, contributed a fine specimen of Cranberries, grown in his garden, together with a written account of his method of cultivation. Doubtless a fine crop of this fruit might be raised in any garden, by manuring heavily with swamp muck, and adopting the same general mode of culture as of strawberries.

After a great deal of examination and comparison, the Committee concluded to award the Society's premiums as in the annexed list.

In the class of PEARS they found it extremely difficult to decide whether the first premium rightly belonged to J. M. Earle or D. W. Lincoln. Mr. Lincoln's collection contained sixty-three varieties, Mr. Earle's forty-six. Among Mr. Lincoln's were several very fine specimens of very valuable varieties; but in the larger number of beautiful pears of the most deserved popular sorts, the preponderance appeared to be in Mr. Earle's favor, and the Committee, with some hesitation, awarded the first premium to that gentleman. For a similar reason the third premium was awarded to S. H. Colton instead of B. F. Thomas.

The sixth premium could not be bestowed upon any one, as no "seedling pear" was exhibited.

There was less difficulty in judging of the APPLES. Some seedling apples were exhibited by Mr. Knapp, of Sutton, and others, but the Committee felt that they should be acting without sufficient information, were they to award a premium for fruits of the character of which they had so slender means of forming an opinion.

No collection of *Plums* deserving a premium as "second best collection;" that premium was also withheld. For the same reason the second, fourth and fifth premiums for *Grapes*, and the second for *Quinces*, were not awarded.

As the *High Blackberry* is now beginning to be cultivated successfully in

gardens, it was deemed advisable to bestow a gratuity to Mr. Solomon Parsons, for his beautiful plate of that fruit. There is said to be a fine white variety of this berry, which may be obtained of the nurserymen. We are informed that these *White Blackberries* are of a greyish color while they are *green*, and have a *yellow* tinge at maturity—hence the propriety of the name.

In regard to the *distribution* of the premiums, the Committee did not deem it advisable to deviate from *established custom*, they therefore did not award but one premium to any individual for fruits of the same class. Thus, for example, no person, according to usage, could take but *one* premium for pears, notwithstanding his collection might be fairly entitled to one or more of the other premiums offered for that fruit; and so of apples, peaches, &c. It is not within the province of the Committee to discuss the *propriety of the rule*; they have discharged their duty by following it.

The question has been asked, why the premiums are not offered for articles more specifically designated. Thus, the "*Best Collection*" may be interpreted as the *largest*, or as the *most beautiful*, or as a collection of the *newest* varieties, or as the *largest number of fine specimens of valuable varieties*; and so of some of the other premiums. The Committee therefore recommend a thorough revision of the list.

It will be remembered by those entitled to premiums that only one-half the amount offered will be paid to those who were not members of the Society previous to the Exhibition.

The Committee submit the following as the result of their decisions.

AWARD OF PREMIUMS.

PEARS.

1st.—To J. M. Earle, best collection,.....$5 00
2d.—To D. W. Lincoln, second best collection,..... 4 00
3d.—S. H. Colton, third best collection,..... 3 00
4th.—To John C. Mason, best dish of not less than six pears, (for his *Paradise d'Automne.*)..... 2 00
5th.—To Gardiner Paine, second best dish, (for his *Louise Bonne de Jersey*..... ..... 1 00
6th.—Not awarded.

APPLES.

1st.—To S. H. Colton, best collection,.....$5 00
2d.—To Joel Knapp, Sutton, second best collection,..... 4 00
3d.—To B. N. Child, third best collection,..... 3 00
4th.—To Job C. Stone, Shrewsbury, best dish of not less than six apples, (for his plate of *Mother Apples,*)..... 2 00
5th.—To Chester Gorham, Barre, second best dish, (for his plate of *Hubbardston Nonsuch,*)..... 1 00
6th.—Not awarded.

PEACHES.

1st.—To J. H. Allen, Shrewsbury, best collection,.....$4 00
2d.—To Capt. Silas Allen, Shrewsbury, second best collection,..... 3 00
3d.—To C. J. Parker, Westboro', third best collection,..... 2 00
4th.—To Asa H. Allen, Shrewsbury, best dish of not less than twelve peaches, (for his splendid *Seedlings*,)..... 2 00
5th.—To W. L. Lewis, Grafton, second best dish, (for his *Early Crawford*,)..... 1 00
6th.—To Charles H. Hill, best new Seedling Peach,..... 1 00

PLUMS.

1st.—To S. H. Colton, best collection,.....$4 00
2d.—Not awarded.
3d.—To Ansel Lakin, best dish of Plums, (*name of variety doubtful.*) 2 00
4th.—To John C. Mason, second best dish, (for his *Jefferson*,)..... 1 00

GRAPES.

The splendid specimens from D. W. Lincoln being entered for exhibition only, the Committee awarded the
1st.—To Charles Hale, Millbury, best grapes, (grown under glass,)...$2 00
2d.—Not awarded.
3d.—To Willard Earle, best grapes of open culture, (for his *Sweet Water*,)..... 2 00
4th.—Not awarded.
5th.—Not awarded.

QUINCES.

1st.—To Job C. Stone, Shrewsbury, best specimen of not less than six Quinces,.....$2 00
2d.—Not awarded.

GRATUITY.

To Solomon Parsons, for a beautiful plate of High Blackberries,.....$1 00

The premiums, as above awarded, will be paid by Dr. Samuel Flagg, (No. 145 Main street,) *if called for before the 1st of December next.* It is necessary to limit the time within which the payments will be made, in order that the Treasurer may be able to make his report at the annual meeting of the Society in January.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE JAQUES, Chairman.

ANNUAL EXHIBITION, 1851.

REPORT ON FLOWERS AND DECORATIONS.

Samuel F. Haven, of Worcester, *Chairman:* Calvin W. Forbush, of Grafton, William Hall, of Sutton.

It was by no means an easy task to decorate successfully the broad and lofty surfaces of unfinished wall and ceiling in the new Hall of the Society. A good deal of judgment and taste were however manifested in the mode of its accomplishment. Without an attempt at actual concealment, the rudeness of the interior was relieved to the eye by the aid of canvass and whitewash, the unstuccoed pilasters were converted into rustic supports for climbing spirals of oak leaves and the blank spaces were agreeably broken up by wreaths and stars of evergreen.

Some very graceful ornaments of the latter description, constructed by the practised hands of Mrs. Richardson, Mrs. Canfield, and Mrs. Whitney, were effectively distributed by the managers, while a series of rich-colored views of the "Chrystal Palace," the property of F. W. Paine, Esq., and a fine engraving, one of Cole's pictures of the "Voyage of Life," with a Fruit Piece in oils, belonging to Mr. D. S. Messinger, enlivened the sides of the apartment. In the center of the room stood a large wooden vase on a lofty pedestal, transferred from some external locality, where, by the inscription on its base, it appeared to have been originally dedicated to a species of Smoke plant, (nicotiana tabacum.) Above the vase, which was filled with flowers selected and disposed by Dr. Samuel Flagg, stood a small female statue wreathed and aptly representing the Queen of the place. Around this position many of the Greenhouse Plants were grouped; and, as a relief to the great size of the Hall, before the eye had been drawn to the particulars of its luscious contents, the arrangement was a happy and effective one.

Two large screens, one inlaid with asters and amaranths upon a ground of moss, the other composed chiefly of dahlias, ingenious as imitations of rug-work or embroidery—must be classed among the decorations. They were exhibited by Mr. J. Sheehan, from the garden of Mr. Wm. T. Merrifield. To these should be added as specimens of curious art two small pictures, a Dog and a Deer, entirely formed of moss, by Mrs. C. H. Hill, which displayed no small degree of skill and nicety of execution.

Another specimen of ingenuity which, if not a part of the decorations may well be classed among the ornaments, was a Flora, composed, all but the face, of flowers,—chiefly of verbenas. However unbecoming and unlady-like the

Bloomer costume may be deemed, when worn by mere flesh and blood, it was certainly appropriate here. Unlike these mortals who are supposed to be blooming at one extreme of the person because they wear no blushes at the other, the Goddess wore the hue of modesty upon her round and glowing cheeks; and seemed to typify the philosophical truth, not always borne in mind, that Flora can never be other than a child. Her realm does not extend beyond the infancy of vegetation, and ceases before maturity begins. This appropriate emblem was contributed by Mrs. M. B. Green, of this city.

As a labor of love, demanding not only cultivated taste but a good deal of physical exertion, the work of decoration entitles all who participated in it to the warmest thanks of the Society. It is in fact, a higher service than the contribution of fruits and flowers; while the merit of each individual is not usually designated to the observer or distinguishable from the general effect. The ladies of Worcester are seldom wanting in that generous public spirit which secures their indispensable assistance. We fear we have but an imperfect list of those who rendered essential aid on the recent occasion; but Mrs. Charles Paine, Mrs. Joseph Mason, Miss Lucy Treadwell, Miss Abby Williams, and Miss Le Baron, besides those already mentioned, were prominent among them.

The Committee have had no premiums to award, and content themselves with a catalogue intended rather to designate the individuals who have taken pains to contribute to the success of the Exhibition than to specify the names or the qualities of the flowers. Each contribution received its due share of attention and praise from the numerous visitors who passed them in review; and we have reason to believe that the merit of all was duly and fully appreciated. Where especial care and effort have been manifested in choice selections and studied arrangement, or where peculiar pains or success in culture are indicated, the objects of the Society require that attention should be drawn to such instances as examples. Yet it is the observer and not the reader, who is benefitted by these examples and they are sure to elicit appropriate commendations from every eye whose judgment is of value.

The Committee counted sixteen stands of Cut Flowers, viz:

One from Mrs. Maria Wheeler, of Dahlias and Verbenas.

One of Dahlias, from Mrs. C. C. Coleman.

Two from L. Cheney, of Southbridge, containing some good varieties of Dahlias.

One from Mrs. J. Frank. Allen, containing Dahlias and Dwarf Sunflowers.

Two from Wm. T. Merrifield, in one of which was a fine display of Roses, in the other Seedling Verbenas, German Stocks, Drummond Phlox, &c.

A lofty and graceful Pyramid of mixed flowers, from Charles Thurber.

Two stands from F. W. Paine, with a good specimen of Lilium lancifolium speciosum.

One of Dahlias and Sunflowers, from Mrs. James Green.

One of Aster and Verbenas, from Mrs. D. S. Messinger.

One of Dahlias and Marigolds, from Miss Lydia Styles.

Two from Ichabod Washburn, composed chiefly of double-quilled Asters, noted as remarkably fine.

One of mixed flowers, with no name attached.

THE BOUQUETS, VASES, ETC.,

Were numerous, and, for convenience of reference, were numbered, as the names attached to them were recorded.

Nos. 1, 2, 3 & 4, Mrs. Canfield: among them were Verbenas in variety, Roses, Lilium Punctatum, Maurandia Barclayana, &c., in perfection.

Nos. 5 & 6, Joel Knapp, of Sutton: a Vase of Grasses, thirty-three varieties and a Bouquet.

No. 7, Mrs. Gardiner Paine: a Scarlet Lily.

No. 8, Mrs. John Corey: Bouquet, Ipomea pitea, &c.

No. 9, Mrs. Theo. Brown: Bouquet.

Nos. 10 & 14, Mrs. Chas. H. Hill: Vase constructed from a hornet's nest, with Grasses. In another vase, Lunaria, &c.

No. 11, Miss Bradley: variety of Coxcombs in a Bouquet.

No. 12, Mrs. S. E. Gray: Bouquet of brilliant flowers.

No. 13, Mrs. Henry Goulding: vase of Verbenas.

Nos. 15 & 16, Mrs. A. H. Hawes: specimen of Cactus Mammalaris and Melongatus.

No. 17, Mrs. Orrin Fairbanks, Dahlias, Coreopsis lanceolata, &c.

Nos. 18 & 19, no name attached. No 18 was a fine collection with some rare flowers.

No. 20, Mrs. James Green: mixed flowers in a dish.

Nos. 30 & 31, Mrs. George W. Gill: a small Pyramid of Verbenas, remarkably pretty; and flowers in a vase.

Nos. 22, 29, & 38, Harvey S. Tainter, of Leicester: the first consisted of Gentians, Cardinals, and other native flowers; in the others were tall Coxcombs, and a fine Prince's Feather.

Nos. 23 & 24, Mrs. D. Waldo Lincoln: a variety of Roses, such as Tea China, Bourbon, Perpetual, &c., with Lilium lancifolium, and other and rich flowers.

No. 25, Mrs. D. S. Messinger: vase of various materials.

Nos. 26, 27, 28, & 30, vases with no name attached.

No. 32, Ichabod Washburn: a rich and beautiful Pyramid composed of choice varieties Asters, Lilies, Mignionette, Ice-Plant, Roses, Sweet Scabious, Heliotropes, Althæas, Aggeratum Mexicanum, &c., &c.

No. 33, Master George S. Van Solen: Cayenne Peppers.

Nos. 34 & 38, Mrs. Loring Coes, of New Worcester: a dish of Geraniums, Verbenas, Petunias, Nasturtions, &c., and a vase of Dahlias.

No. 36, Mrs. M. B. Green: three vases of various and handsome flowers.

No. 37, vase with no name attached.

No. 39, Mrs. F. H. Kinnicutt: vase of Verbenas.

No. 40, a handsome Pyramid of Verbenas, no name attached.

No. 41, John A. Perry: small vase of handsome flowers.

Nos. 42 & 43, Mrs. Wm. M. Bickford: two rich vases, containing Roses, Verbenas, Zinnias, Drummond Phlox, Blue Heliotropes, Sweet Scabious, &c.

No. 44, J. Sheehan: a superb Pyramid from the garden of Wm. T. Merrifield.

Nos. 45 & 46, Mrs. Stephen Salisbury: Schizanthus pinnatus, and other delicate plants, in vases.

No. 47, Mrs. R. Newton: small vase of Petunias and Verbenas.

No. 48, Miss Mary Foster: a large flat vase of Oleanders, Snap-Dragon, Nasturtions, Canary-Bird Flowers, Sweet Peas, Verbenas, Roses, Pansies, Fever-few, Candytuft, and China Roses, very happily combined.

No. 49, S. P. Champney: vase of Verbenas.

No. 50, Nathan Moore, of West Boylston; Bouquet of Dahlias.

No. 51, Henry Goulding: small vase of Verbenas, Candytufts, Heliotropes, Roses, &c.

No. 52, Mrs. George W. Richardson: basket of mixed flowers.

No. 53, Mrs. C. C. Coleman: vase of Verbenas.

GREEN-HOUSE PLANTS.

The collection of Green-house Plants in the centre of the Hall has already been mentioned. The ownership of these was not, in all cases designated. It was understood that a large part of them came from the conservatory of Wm. T. Merrifield, Esq. Others were contributed by Hon. Stephen Salisbury. There were besides these sundry pots and tubs in other positions, viz:

A tub of Oranges, not marked.

A fine Fig-tree, in fruit, from Charles C. Greenwood.

China and German Asters, from Wm. H. Pierce.

Guavas, from Wm. T. Merrifield.

Scarlet Lily, from Mrs. S. B. Scott.

Vallota Purpuzea, from Mrs. James Green.

Magnolia Grandiflora, in flower, from Charles Thurber.

Orange and Lemon trees, in fruit, from Hon. Isaac Davis.

East India Tamarisk, from Hon. Stephen Salisbury.

Considering the severe drought—so destructive to the beauty and vigor of the products of the garden—and the recent exposures to frost, the display of flowers has been highly creditable, though not equal to that of former occasions. The large area of the new hall was particularly trying to this portion of the collection, tending to diminish its apparent amount and general effect: a disadvantage, which an examination of the details would alone overcome. It is hoped that the enlarged accommodations of the Society will be remembered at another period, and produce a corresponding increase in the number and variety of the contributors.

(Signed.) S. F. HAVEN,
C. W. FORBUSH,
WM. HALL,
} Committee.

REPORT ON PEARS.

The recent Exhibition furnished unmistakable evidence of the rapid progress which the culture of the Pear is making in the County, and particularly in the City of Worcester. Notwithstanding a very unfavorable season, the number of specimens was much greater than ever before shown, while the character of the fruit was of a higher order of excellence. Every specimen exhibited was the product of Worcester county; and several of them surpassed anything of the kind ever before seen at our exhibition.

The following is a list of the contributors:

F. N. Merrifield,—Bartlett, St. Michael, Williams, and two varieties unnamed.

Dr. Joseph Sargent,—Seckel, Flemish Beauty, Chelmsford, Buffum, Catlin, and one unknown,—all fine specimens.

Rev. Dr. Hill,—Buffum, Napoleon, Belle Lucrative, and Seckel.

Ansel Lakin,—Flemish Beauty,—fine.

Hon. Levi Lincoln,—Beurre Diel, Duchesse d'Angouleme, Julienne, Gore's Heathcote, (fine,) Bartlett, Seckel, Mons le Cure, St. Michael, Easter Beurre, Napoleon, Dix, (superb specimens,) Wilkinson, St. Ghislain, Josephine, Bell Lucrative, Uvedale's St. Germain, Van Mons Leon le Clerc, Summer Thorn, Charles of Austria, and seven other varieties.

Booth Bottomly, Leicester,—Seckel, Bartlett, Passe Colmar, Duchesse d'Angouleme, Beurre Diel, and six other varieties,—all fine specimens.

James Longley, Boylston,—Bartlett.

Hon. John Davis,—Dearborn's Seedling, Bartlett.

Mrs. Henry Wheeler,—Bartlett.

Emory Banister,—Bartlett, (the finest specimens ever shown at our exhibition,) Duchesse d'Angouleme, and Beurre Diel, (both very fine,) Louise Bonne de Jersey.

Albert Brown,—Bartlett, Seckel.

Dr. H. G. Bates,—Bartlett, Dearborn's Seedling, Duchesse d'Angouleme.

Hon. I. M. Barton,—Bartlett, Beurre Diel.

Clarendon Harris,—Bartlett, Beurre Diel, and Doyenne Boussock,—excepting that of Geo. T. Rice, the only specimens of this magnificent new pear exhibited.

Elkanah Rice,—Bartlett.

John C. Mason,—Beurre Bosc, (very fine,) Lewis, Flemish Beauty, Stevens' Genesee, Paradise d'Automne, Bell Lucrative, Bartlett, Bezi de la Motte, Duchesse d'Angouleme, Capiaumont, St. Michael, Marie Louise, Louise Bonne de Jersey.

Lucius N. Holmes, Pomfret, Ct., Chelmsford.

Pitt Holmes,—Bartlett.

Leonard Brigham,—St. Michael.

Jonathan Luther,—Flemish Beauty, (very fine,) Bartlett, Seckel.

J. F. Allen,—Louise Bonne de Jersey, St. Michael, (fine,) Seckel, Beurre Diel,—fine.

Wm. M. Bickford,—Bartlett, Vicar of Winkfield, Easter Beurre, Chelmsford, Flemish Beauty, (fine,) Passe Colmar and four unnamed kinds.

Mrs. Wm. Hovey,—Louise Bonne de Jersey, Beurre Diel, Bartlett, Fulton, (misnamed Brown Beurre), and one other variety.

Ichabod Washburn,—a fine collection—Easter Beurre, Glout Morceau, Duchesse d'Angouleme, Seckel, Louise Bonne de Jersey, Dearborn's Seedling, St. Ghislain, Mons le Cure, Marie Louise.

Isaac Southgate, Leicester,—St. Michael, Brown Beurre, (very fine,) Seckel, Heatheote.

Dr. John Green,—Dix, (good,) Iron, Paradise d'Automne, Prince's St. Germain, Figue, Columbia, Seckel, and one unnamed.

James L. Estey,—Bartlett.

D. S. Messinger,—Bartlett, Belle et Bonne, (fine,) Louise Bonne de Jersey, St. Ghislain.

Rev. George Bushnell,—Bartlett.

Stephen Salisbury, — Seckel, Bartlett, Glout Morceau, Fulton, Marie Louise, Easter Beurre, Sugar, Belle Lucrative, Louise Bonne de Jersey.

Mrs. Salisbury,—Seckel, Bartlett, Brown Beurre.

Edwin Conant,—Napoleon, Brown Beurre, (good,) Marie Louise, (fine,) Josephine, Louise Bonne de Jersey, Dearborn's Seedling, Duchesse d'Angouleme, Glout Morceau, (fine,) Beurre Diel, Easter Beurre, St. Michael, Vicar of Winkfield, Flemish Beauty.

George Jaques,—Louise Bonne de Jersey, on quince, same on pear, Vicar of Winkfield, Henry IVth, Bartlett, (good,) Beurre d'Aremberg, Flemish Beauty, Urbaniste, St. Michael, Duchesse, d'Angouleme, Flemish Beauty (fine,) Bezi de la Motte.

Charles H. Hill,—Louise Bonne de Jersey, Seckel, Beurre d'Amalis, Capiaumont,—fine.

Edwin Draper,—Bartlett.

Wm. E. Allen,—Bartlett.

A. Andrews, Shrewsbury,—Flemish Beauty,—very superior.

Wm. A. Greene, Shrewsbury,—Seckel,—splendid specimens.

The Seckel Pear exhibited by Mr. Greene, the Flemish Beauty by Mr. Andrews, and the Bartlett, by Mr. Banister, were of extraordinary size and beauty. With other choice specimens they were sent to represent the county of Worcester, at the Ohio State Fair, held in Columbus on the 24th inst.

Dr. Wm. Workman,—St. Michael.

F. T. Merrick,—Flemish Beauty, Cumberland, Belle et Bonne, Heathcot, and three other varieties.

John S. Clark,—Bartlett.

Emory Washburn,—Seckel, (fine,) and one plate unknown.

M. B. Green,—Dunmore, Beurre Diel, (good,) Marie Louise, Capiaumont, Passe Colmar, Louise Bonne de Jersey, Vicar of Winkfield.

J. A. Allen, Shrewsbury,—Fulton.

S. H. Colton,—Andrews, Bartlett, Beurre Diel, Beurre de Capiaumont, Beurre d'Amalis, Beurre d'Aremberg, Duchesse, d'Angouleme, Louise Bonne de Jersey, Las Canas, Dix, Paradise d'Automne, Thompson, Vicar of Winkfield, Frederick de Wurtemberg, Buffum, Belle Lucrative, Beurre Bosc, Flemish Beauty, (fine,) Marie Louise, Napoleon, Seckel, St. Michael, Muscadine, St. Ghislain, Petre.

Edward Earle,—Sweet French, Bleecker's Meadow, Marie Louise, (fine,) Josephine, Sieulle, (fine,) Duchesse d'Angouleme, Seckel, Black Pear of Worcester, St. Ghislain, Buffum, Napoleon, (fine,) St. Michael, Bartlett,—a fine collection.

Henry W. Miller,—Seckel,—fine.

Benjamin F. Thomas, Esq.,—Flemish Beauty, (fine,) Bartlett, (fine,) Napoleon, Seckel, Louise Bonne de Jersey, Golden Beurre of Bilboa, (fine,) Van Mons Leon le Clerc, Duchesse d'Angouleme, Iron, Dix, Beurre de Capiaumont, Gore's Heathcote, Marie Louise, Beurre d'Amalis, St. Michael, Passe Colmar, Beurre Bosc, Easter Beurre, Brown Beurre, Andrews, Glout Morceau, and six unnamed varieties, a very fine collection.

Francis H. Dewey,—Belle et Bonne, Duchesse.

Wm. W. Pratt,—Louise Bonne de Jersey, Duchesse d'Angouleme and one other.

John M. Earle,—Louise Bonne de Jersey, Haeon's Incomparable, Lawrence, Andrews, Bleecker's Meadow, Urbaniste, Buffum, Paradise d'Automne, Ananas, (fine,) Beurre Bosc, (fine,) Glout Morceau, Rushmore's Bon Chretien, Flemish Beauty, (fine,) Rousselet de Rheims, Beurre d'Amalis, Belle Lucrative, Dix, Beurre d'Aremberg, Thompson. Chaumontelle, Comte de Lamy, Marie Louise, Duchesse d'Angouleme, Brown Beurre, White Doyenne, Julienne, Surpasse Virgalieu, Fulton, Striped Long Green, (Summer,) unknown, Bartlett, thirty-one varieties.

F. W. Paine,—Beurre d'Amalis, (fine,) three others unnamed.

Thomas Kinnicutt,—two varieties.

George T. Rice,—Doyenne Boussock, Duchesse d'Angouleme, Passe Colmar, Winter Nelis, Dix, Henry IVth, Brown Beurre, Flemish Beauty, Seckel, Louise Bonne de Jersey, Belle Lucrative, St. Ghislain, Julienne, Bartlett, Vicar of Winkfield, Beurre Diel, Josephine, Napoleon, Catillac, St. Michael,—a very choice collection.

Geo. W. Richardson,—Belle Lucrative, Seckel, Napoleon, (fine,) Easter Beurre, Bartlett, Winter Nelis, St. Michael, and one unnamed.

S. P. Champney,—Louise Bonne de Jersey, (good,) Beurre Diel, (fine,) St. Michael, Duchesse d'Angouleme.

Jonathan Rice,—Bartlett.

D. W. Lincoln,—Andrews, Washington, Nouvelle Seigneur, Beurre Rance, Colmar d'Aremberg, Beurre d'Amalis, Doyenne Gris, Long Green, Reine de Paris, Josephine, Comte de Lamy, Monsieur Brouselle, Dearborn's Seedling, Passe Colmar, Duchesse d'Angouleme, Bartlett, Seckel, Heathcot,

Urbaniste, Catillac, Belle et Bonne, Rostezer, Belle Lucrative, St. Michael, Beurre d'Anjou, Chelmsford, Flemish Beauty, Louise Bonne de Jersey, St. Ghislain, Columbia, Easter Beurre, Madotte, Henry IVth, Vicar of Winkfield, Petit Rousselet, Marie Louise, Porré de Rose, Jalousie de Fontenay, Napoleon, Louise, Glout Morceau, Baronne de Mello, Bergamot, Cadet, Styrian, Charlotte de Bronwer, Brown Beurre, Fulton, Buffum, Summer Franc Real, Tyson, Hessel, Ferdinand de Meester.

Charles Paine,—two varieties.

Wm. T. Merrifield,—Bartlett, Louise Bonne de Jersey.

Mrs. Holbrook, Westboro',—Bartlett, St. Michael.

F. H. Kinnicutt,—Bartlett, Iron, Seckel, Brown Beurre, (fine,) and two unnamed varieties.

Dr. S. P. Miller,—Passe Colmar, Belle et Bonne, St. Michael, Ananas.

C. P. Nichols,—Bartlett.

Gardiner Paine,—White Doyenne, Duchesse d'Angouleme, Beurre Diel, Beurre d'Amalis, (fine,) Bartlett, Flemish Beauty, Louise Bonne de Jersey, Easter Beurre.

John N. Corey,—Catillac,—very fine.

Thomas Rice, Shrewsbury,—Seckel.

Dr. Johnson,—two unnamed varieties.

Dr. O. H. Blood,—Belle Lucrative,—fine.

Rev. Mr. Biscoe, Grafton,—Bartlett, Seckel, Catillac, Bleecker's Meadow, Brown Beurre, and one unnamed.

Several specimens of Pears were exhibited by other gentlemen, but not having been entered with the Secretary, it is impossible now to give a list of them.

JOHN C. MASON,
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REPORT ON VEGETABLES.

Committee: James Green, *Chairman.*

The Committee on Vegetables have attended to the duty assigned them and beg leave, through me as their Chairman, to submit the following report, not deeming it in their power however, to render one in all respects so satisfactory as if they had been allowed to test in an unequivocal manner, the intrinsic value of the glorious display before them; as many a fair exterior doubtless possesses at heart a hollowness altogether unworthy the beautiful proportions and color which greets the eye, neither beets, potatoes nor turnips possessing at heart that soundness which would scorn deception in any form. But fortunately your Committee were only to judge from external appearances, and surely they could not boast of good taste did they not admire the noble and imposing mien and gorgeous color of the Pumpkins and Squashes, of every diversity of form,

but with few varieties of color though occasionally one of verdant hue makes its appearance, still the majority appear self possessed and fully aware of their position. Who can contemplate and inhale the different members of the family of Onion, without being almost incited to tears by the recollection of the many signs of grief they *have* occasioned, when nothing else could. But we will not extend our remarks on this delicious vegetable to the exclusion of others of great merit, and therefore would say that although the Beet has less fragrance than the Onion, there is much in it to admire when we consider its fine color, sweet taste, and the charm it has by its weekly appearance upon the table, accompanied by the staple commodity of Cape Cod, reminding and admonishing us of that day of the week, and the preparation to be made for that day of rest from labor which soon follows it. The Tomato requires a passing notice, inasmuch as it is beautiful to the eye and very agreeable to the taste, (saying nothing of its reported merits as a medicine to throw into disuse that Hydra Mercury.) Your Committee would recommend its use in part, as a vender of patent medicine did his nostrum, i. e., that it should be freely taken internally if not externally.

Your Committee feel that their report would be quite incomplete, did they not notice the fine specimens of Cabbage before them, and would recommend that due care be taken to prevent the monopoly of the article by that part of our tradesmen who, to a great extent, clothe the outer man, as well as that portion of the population who have of late, in such large numbers, come in upon us from the Emerald Isle.

The first article presenting itself for the consideration of the Committee, was a fine specimen of Scolloped Summer Squash, contributed by Luther Ross, of Worcester. A Long Cucumber from the same, attracted much attention.

Good Western Red Potatoes and Long Winter Blood Beets were contributed by George A. Dresser, of Worcester.

Turnip Blood Beets, of good size and quality, were presented by Sylvanus Sears, of Worcester.

Kidney Potatoes, a fine specimen of an excellent kind, were contributed by F. N. Merrifield, of Worcester.

Peach Blow Potatoes, very fine specimens, were presented by Isaac Southgate, Esq., of Leicester.

Pink-Eye Potatoes, quite large and an early kind, were presented by R. S. Denny, of Leicester.

Unusually large Tomatoes, early Turnips, Blood and Winter-Blood Beets, together with Long Orange Carrots, and Sweet Corn; all of which were entitled to much praise, were contributed by Wm. M. Bickford, of Worcester.

Seedling Potatoes, very fine in appearance, their merits not stated, contributed by Eli Johnson, of Worcester.

Three specimens of Potatoes, together with Broom Corn and White Carrots, all good, Yellow Tankard, Aberdeen, Sunball, Purple Top, and White Stone Turnips, some of which were said to be very good for table use, were contributed by C. W. Forbush, of Grafton.

Good specimens of white Carrots, Blood Beets, and Marrow Squashes, were contributed by Amos Bartlett, of Worcester.

Very fine Butter and Marrow Squashes were presented by John Barnard, of Worcester.

An African Bean, something rare and singular in appearance, though its merits are unknown to the Committee, was presented by L. W. Spalding, of —.

Specimens of Cabbage and Green Curled Lettuce, Lima Beans, Egg Plant, and Spinach, all very good, were contributed by Ichabod Washburn, of Worcester.

Marrow and Crookneck Squashes, Lady-finger and Peach-blow Potatoes, light round Corn, Celery, Tomatoes, and Pole Beans, all of which were very excellent, contributed by D. S. Messinger, of Worcester.

A very superior specimen of Peach Blow Potatoes, from George W. Fitch, of Worcester.

Carrots, English Turnips, Blood and Long Blood Beets, and Yellow Seed Corn, from William Brigham, of Grafton.

Three varieties of Pole Beans, Lima, Speckled Saba, and White Dutch Runners, from Solomon Parsons, of Worcester.

Fine Cooking Field Beans, from J. G. & D. H. Perry, of Worcester.

Richard Bangs, Jr., of West Springfield, Hampden County, contributed a large quantity of Sweet Mountain Peppers, something surpassing in size any thing before seen by the Committee, and said to be more mild than the common squash pepper; Early Turnips and Long Blood Beets, Flat and Long White Turnips, Drum Head and Red Cabbage, together with fine Butter, Marrow, and Crook-neck Squashes, all very superior, and the Long White Turnips in particular, said to be altogether in advance of all other kinds for table use.

Your Committee have had many other vegetables of great merit, come under their observation, but are, with many regrets, obliged to leave them unnoticed for want of space rather than from any disinclination to bestow upon them that praise they are so justly entitled to.

All which is respectfully submitted,

(Signed.) JAMES GREEN.